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For China, Coal Holds **Promises** And Perils

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TAIYUAN, China - Within a 300mile radius of this energy capital, bun-dreds of thousands of coal miners are shredding subterranean seams thicker than ocean liners and hauling a black treasure to the surface to power the economic rise of China.

From the great forest of chimneys that punctures the haze of China's industrial landscape, a nimbus of car-bon- and sulphur-based gases is bil-

lowing into the atmosphere.

It is mixing with the buildup of the century-long industrialization of Europe and North America and, many scientists say, it is contributing to the overall warming of the earth's atmosphere.

And as the evidence hardens that global atmospheric warming is a result of buman activity, especially the production of gases from the combustion of coal, oil and natural gas, questions are growing about whether China can change course.

The country's heavy reliance on coal, along with its inefficient and wasteful patterns of energy use, will make it the largest single producer of climate-warming carbon dioxide by the second or third decade of the next

As it surpasses the United States and other industrial countries as a cause of the problem, China seems certain to come under strong international pressure to curb its reliance on its vast, cheap coal reserves.

And China itself may face serious consequences from global warming, as a rise in sea levels inundates coastal zones. Right now, many of its citizens are choking on the air pollution produced by the widespread burning of

But coal development on a vast scale appears inevitable. China's dilenima is repetited, on a lesser scale, in India, Brazil and the rest of the developing world, where the diversion of scarce funds to meet global environmental goals is seen as a rich

country's luxury. For China's leadership, it is simply a question of capital - massive amounts of it. Already, Beijing's leaders face a daunting array of demands to build highways, railroads and modern industries to compete for export markets with the developed world and to provide the economic growth that China's expanding population will ex-

Some improvements will pay for themselves, but with its buge reserves of coal, China regards any energy alternative that costs more or requires more up-front capital as a threat to

development. You try to tell the people of Beijing that they can't buy a car or an air-conditioner because of the global cli-mate-change issue," said Li Junfeng. a senior energy researcher for the State Planning Commission in Beijing. "It is just as hot in Beijing as it is in

Washingtoo, D.C. 'If we reduce our emission of gases, it means we must reduce our energy consumption." Mr. Li continued. "When people get rich, they want to buy an air-conditioner or a car, that will increase energy consumption."

It already has. Between 1970 and 1990, energy consumption rose 208 percent in China, compared with an average rise of 28 percent in developed countries dur-

ing the same period. More than 5 million Chinese are now engaged in the largest coal ex-traction enterprise in human history, feeding China's enormous thirst for energy and pushing toward fulfillment of the goal of quadrupling the coun-

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President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister John Major meeting Wednesday in London at the start of Mr. Clinton's visit.

After Jockeying, a Date for Bosnia Peace Conference to Sign Accord Scheduled Dec. 14 in Paris

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - France announced Wednesday that the Bosnia peace conference to sign the accord reached in Dayton, Ohio, earlier this month would take place at the Elysée Palace on Dec. 14.

The announcement was delayed intil Wednesday, diplomats said, because, among other reasons, the French were worried about the ability of the Clinton administration to win congressional backing for American participation in the NATO peacekeeping force.

U.S. officials in Brussels denied French suggestions that the Clinton administration had asked for a delay in setting a date for the in Brussels.

conference until Congress voted on the operation. But there were signs that fric-tions between Europe and the United States not be fully effective unless the high civilover various aspects of the accord could multiply once the 60,000 NATO peace-keepers, including 20,000 Americans, entered Bosnia to carry out the accords.

That is expected to happen at a conference that begins in London Dec. 8. Carl

Friday to prepare for the arrival of the rest of the force, officials in Brussels said. NATO military commanders have fin-

ished voluminous operational plans for the mission, mapping troop and equipment movements over a six-month program. Ambassadors from the 16 allied countries

They added that the NATO operation,

NATO will begin moving in soldiers Bildt, a former prime minister of Sweden civilian representative in Bosnia then. The democratic polinics. job will also derive its authority from the United Nations Security Council.

France insisted on an overall conrdinator will give political approval to the plans oo for civilian relief and poliocal efforts, but who is a special adviser to Mr. Clinton on fail, there will be those who resent you for later than Friday, according to the officials at American insistence he will have no Northern Ireland. The commission is to trying But it is the right thing to do. And in authority over NATO peacekeepers.

Ulster Factions Cool To Clinton's Appeal

Both IRA and Unionists Remain Stalemated Over Weapons Issue

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON --- Seeking to give additional momentum to the peace process in North-em Ireland, President Bill Clinton on Wednesday urged all parties involved in the province's sectarian conflict to accept

province part of Britain, expressed deep

reservations about the plan. Speaking at a news conference in London on the first stop of a European trip that will take him to Northern Ireland on Thursday, Mr. Clinton said the agreement "pro-vided a mechanism for all of the parties

bonorably now to bring their concerns to the table and to be beard."

He said the British-Irish agreement was "the best opportunity I have seen to resolve all of these issues, and I think it should be

embraced, and I bope it will be."

Despite the endorsement by Mr. Clinton, whose administration has taken an active role in trying to settle the differences that led to 25 years of violent conflict in Northern Ireland, the agreement's prospects remained uncertain.

The proposal called for an immediate start to "preparatory talks" involving the two governments and moderate and hardline parties from Northern Ireland, including Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, which until 15 mooths ago was waging a terrorist campaign seeking to oust Britain from the province.

The agreement said the preparatory talks

should lead to full-scale negotiations involving all the parties by the end of February. But it sidestepped the most immediate impediment to further progress: the issue of whether Sinn Fein would be allowed to take part in the full-scale negotiations if the Irish Republican Army continued to refuse who has been the European Union's ne- to turn in some of its store of explosives and gotiator on Bosnia since last surimer, is weapons. Britain insists the IRA must do so this risk for peace." Mr. Clinton said in a who has been the European Union's ne- to turn in some of its store of explosives and expected to be named to the job of senior as a sign of its commitment to peaceful

The arms issue is instead to be studied by

mid-January, although they will not be binding on the British or Irish governments.

'I think it will be difficult because it's obviously an issue on which there are strongly held feelings on all sides," Mr. Mitchell said. "But I think there is a his-

toric opportunity here."

Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the agreement reached late Tuesday by the British and Irisb governments as the basis for forging a permanent settlement.

The nationalist forces seeking to unite Northern Ireland with Ireland, bowever, as well as the unionists seeking to keep the scale negotiations must take place without the provided by the British-Irish proposal for negotiations and that Sinn Fein's "frame of mind would be a positive one."

But he said Sinn Fein's position that full-scale negotiations must take place without the place without the scale negotiations must take place without the scale negotiations must take place without the scale negotiations must take place without the scale negotiations are the scale negotiations must take place without the scale negotiations must take place without the scale negotiations are the scale negotiations ar

preconditions had not changed and that

urning over arms was a precondition. 'If we cannot have all-party talks we cannot have a peace settlement, and it we cannot have a peace settlement we cannot have peace," Mr. Adams said in Bellast, where he and leaders of all the other major parties will meet with Mr. Clinton at a

reception Thursday night.
David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster
Unionists, the largest of the parties representing Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestant majority, also gave the British-Irish plan a cool reception. He said that it had been agreed upon primarily so that the governments would have progress to show Mr. Clinton when he arrived.

Mr. Trimble said he would never agree to take part in talks until the Irish Republican Army had agreed to start giving up its arms.

Despite the lack of endorsement by parties from either side, British, Irisb and American officials all said Wednesday that they were optimistic that the plan could slowly lead to further progress.

They said the plan had been carefully put

together to reflect the concerns of all the key parties. It raised the possibility, for example, of an elected assembly in Northern Ireland, an idea being promoted by Mr. Trimble. And it was careful to make it clear that Mr. Mitchell's commission would be completely independent of the British govemment, a demand of Sinn Fein.

speech to Parliament.

In a passage that won sustained ap-plause, Mr. Clinton said: "It is always a an independent commission headed by for-mer Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, cess is far from guaranteed, and even if you

Dalai Lama and Beijing Clash Over Panchen Lama

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

BEIJING - Battling the Dalai Lama for the soul of Tibet, Chinese authorities orchestrated an elaborate ceremony Wednesday to choose a 6-year-old boy as the approved reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, a position of critical importance to Tibetans.

The ceremony, a bizarre mixture of ancient Tibetan ritual and Communist Party protocol, was a telling indication of the delicate balance between the two forces that reign in the sparsely populated, but politically troubled region.

Conducted at dawn in the Johkang Temple in Lhasa, the ceremony was rebroadcast on Chinese state television. Inside the temple, an elderly monk rubbed the lips of a sacred golden um in a circular motion before reaching inside to select an ivory lot bearing the boy's name — Gyaincin Norbu

out of three possible choices.

That came only after a senior Chinese official, lonking out of place in a suit and ne, read a stern address to the monks to remind them that religious decisions are only valid with approval of China's government. The boy, appearing in pajama-like gar-ments of yellow silk, then performed his

Luo Gan, who vigorously shook the boy's hand as if he were a fellow party dignitary.

The ceremony leaves Tibetans with rival 6-year-old Panchen Lamas - one blessed by the Dalai Lama, who despite China's best efforts is still revered in Tiber, and a second chosen by the party.

The succession crisis - with its competing efforts to say who inherited the spirit of the previous Panchen Lama, who died in 1989 — has drawn a battleground between the Dalai Lama and the Chinese government, which still uses tens of thousands of soldiers to rule Tibet.

The extraordinary six-year sequence of events leading to Wednesday's ceremony has been full of intrigue and recriminations. Fresh details emerged in a lengthy account by the official press agency.

The drama began in 1989, when a committee was formed by Beijing to find the reincarnation of the former Panchen Lama. Although widely suspected by Tibetan ac- Beijing's choice for Panchen Lama. tivists of being a puppet organization, it was headed by a respected Buddhist leader,

Charral Rinpoche.
From a field of 28 candidates, the committee selected a boy. Charral Rinpoche informed the Chinese authorities last first official act by placing a ceremonial February that this was the long-awaited



reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, and everything looked set for his approval. But the authorities found out that the committee had passed the boy's name, Ged-

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Tutu Leads Sensitive Probe Of Apartheid-Era Crimes

By Lynne Duke Washington Post Service

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's long-awaited though much-dreaded process of reconciliation with the evils of the apartheid took formal shape Wednesday with the appointment of a panel of "truth commissioners," headed by Arcbbishop

Desmond M. Tutu. Formally known as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the multiracial panel of 17 commissioners will spend the next 18 months investigating murders, apartheid era as well as calling witnesses, to account for his actions. Though the searching for evidence, granting or with-holding amnesty to rights offenders and apportioning restitution to their victims.

The description of the constitutionally mandated truth panel does not have power to prosecute, the Malan case has aroused fears that vengeance,

Eighteen months after the transition from white-minority rule under apartheid to elec-toral democracy under a black majority govemment, the commission's work will take the country into the mine field of the blame for abuses committed for or against apartheid during the 34 years preceding last ear's first all-races election.

that the panel's work should focus more on restitution for apartheid-era victinis than on retribution. Nonetbeless, the commission's membership was announced just two days before former Defense Minister Magnus Malan and 10 other senior apartheid-era military and security officials are to be formally charged with murder in connection with the creation of a hit squad that massacred 13 people in 1987 in the province oow known as KwaZulu-Natal.

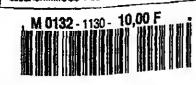
That case has sent shock through the white political establishment here since it represents the first time that a high-ranking bombings, torture and other crimes of the official of the apartheid-era has been called case has aroused fears that vengeance, rather than reconciliation, will characterize the tenor of the commission's work. In announcing the commission members,

President Nelson Mandela's cabinet stressed that the panel would be guided by "the need for understanding but not for vengeance, the need for reparation but not for retaliation."
The commissioners represent a broad

Bishop Tutu, the Anglican cleric who often stood on the front lines of the fight against apartheid and received the 1984
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Just Picture It: Psychic Warriors at Work Pentagon Stands by 'Remote Viewers,' CIA Has Doubts

By R. Jeffrey Smith

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon for years has been asking a group of psychics for help in military intelligence, according

When asked about such matters as the location of American hostages held by for-eign kidnappers, the psychics responded by concentrating intensely and then "visualized" the answer through an alleged parapsychological phenomenon known as remote viewing, officials said.

The effort was of uncertain value, ac-

cording to a study conducted recently for the CIA, which was told by Congress to take cording to Ray Hyman, an experimental over the secret program from the Pentagon last summer and decided to take a close look

at what it was getting into. CIA officials said they had concluded that

no more public funds should be spent on it. viewers" were on the government payroll at But Pentagon officials involved in the program have defended it as an occasionally useful source of valuable military tips. A Defense Intelligence Agency summary of its accomplishments obtained by The Washington Post asserts that the governmentfunded psychics helped unmask a major added that he was uncertain how much had Soviet submarine program in 1979 and discern the function of key buildings in foreign

countries, among other tasks. secret paranormal research program, acpsychologist at the University of Oregon . A CIA spokesman said the agency's Mr. Hyman is a co-author of the CIA-leadership planned to tell Congress soon

sponsored assessment. Overall, as many as six of the "remote

one time during the two decades in which the said. From the mid-1980s to the early 1990s, the military spent at least \$11 million on both the operational program and a separate sci-entific research effort, Mr. Hyman said. He been spent before and after that period.

Evidence supporting "the operational value of remote viewing is not available, Three psychics were employed for even after a decade of attempts," said the roughly the last five years by the intel-ligence agency at Fort Meade, Maryland, American Institutes for Research, a private until June, when the CIA took over the contractor. It concluded that "continued support for the operational component of the current program is not justified."

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AGENDA

U.S. Would Rearm Bosnian Army

BRUSSELS — The U.S. government intends to begin rearming the Bosnian Army as early as next summer if international arms control efforts fail to bring about a balance of power between the factions in Bosnia, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said Wednesday.

Mr. Perry told NATO defense ministers that Washington believed the best hope for stability in Bosnia was policy under which Bosnian Serbs voluntarily reduced their arsenal to a level comparable to that of the Muslim-dominated government.

If that approach fails, "the United States will take action along with other nations to ensure that imbalance is corrected," Mr. Perry told reporters later. NATO diplomats said Washington

had made clear its willingness to uni- Opinion laterally train and equip the Sarajevo government if necessary, a prospect that causes deep unease within the alliance.

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Vigilantes Move In Where Police Won't Tread

By Suzanne Daley New York Times Service

OWETO, South Africa — The young man crawled carefully out from under the conference table where he had been imprisoned for hours. His head was misshapen from blows, his eyes swollen nearly shut, his shins and forearms rippled

His captors offered him for an interview and, mechanically, Big Fish (as be is known in Soweto) confessed to raping, robbing, and

bearing people. "You guys have shown me the right way

now." he said. "I'll go search for a joh."

It had been nine hours since Youth Acoon Against Crime, a group of young volunteers working out of a two-room office over a strip mall, had forced Big Fish into a car and brought him to their offices for a "workshop." Now they were ready to let him go and continue on their crime-fighting ways, climbing into three borrowed cars to hunt down other youths they believed recently robbed a nearby hair salon, terrorizing the owner and

In the 18 months since South Africa held its first free elections, crime has continued to soar, increasing in some areas and categories by as much as 75 percent in one year. But efforts to persuade the public to rely on the police - once a notoriously hrutal enforcer of apartheid policies — have been far from successful, Despite efforts at reform, the police remain a largely ineffectual institution, looked on by many as a corrupt, underpaid, and undertrained force that probably will not show

[South Africans observed a church-sponsored nationwide minute of silence Wednesday to protest rampant crime, The Associated Press reported from Johannesburg. Supermarkets closed their cash registers, office workers stopped and radio stations went into dead time at noon in solidarity with thousands of people at rallies under the slogan, "Enough is

enough."]
Increasingly, black South Africans have been taking matters into their own hands, turning to vigilante groups like Youth Ac-

Some of the groups are loosely connected and come together only in crises. But others are highly organized. In downtown Johannesburg, a group calling itself the Angry 13 has vowed to clean the streets of criminals, including street children. In Durban, a group called the Cleaners tracks down known criminals and maims them.

"People bave no confidence in the justice system," said Sylvester Rakgoadi, who is studying the issue for the Center for the Study of Violence and Recoociliation at the University of Witwatersrand. "They don't eveo go to the police. They are more and more trying to deal with it oo their own. And the danger is that they revert to summary judgment and punish immediately.

Some vigilantes patrol neighborhoods as volunteers. Some are for hire -\$20 might get a store watched for a week.

With Youth Accor, for instance, which operates in the White City section of Soweto, some of the work is done simply because it is for the perceived good of the oeighborhood. No citizeo in particular had requested or paid for the torturing of Big Fish. The group just believed that he was a bad guy who needed straighten-

South African officials say they are trying to remake the police force to function in a democratic society. After decades of operating largely as ruthless political watchdogs and as a riot-control force that protected only whites. the police are now being asked to solve crimes and work for black communides.

It is not an easy conversion, especially since there is little money for training. Law Enforcement officials say there are more than 5,000 officers working as detecoves who have no training in such work. Human rights monitors

continue to publish articles that describe widespread torture of suspects by police of-"Policing structures of apartheid are based on an informant network." said Mark Shaw, a

police expert with the Institute for Defense Policy, a research organization. "It is very difficult to transform that culture. There is oo history of evidence-gathering."

HE WOMAN who was robbed in her hair salon, Johannah Mokhubu, first called the police. But it took them nearly an hour to get to ber shop tucked in a garage in the Mofolo North section

"They didn't take any accom," Mrs. Mokhuhu said. "They said they'd call us later." The next day, she and ber husband went to Youth Action, offering food and providing a car for the search. Someooe in the oeighborhood had recognized one of the robbers as a local teenager.

The gun-carrying robbers had demanded money and stripped the saloo of its small stereo system and the customers of their weddings rings, earrings, and watches. Then they made the women lie on the floor and threatened to rape them. Mrs. Mokhubu begged them oot to, and eventually they left. On a recent day, awaiting results from Youth Action, she said she wanted the robbers disarmed but not necessarily turned in.



Demonstrators in Johannesburg observing a minute of silence Wednesday as part of an anti-crime protest.

"If they could be punished, I would give them to the police," Mrs. Mokhubu said. "But sometimes they arrest them today and tomorrow they are back in the street."

The government is boping a new system of community policing, in which local leaders meet with senior police officials to evaluate police action, will rebuild relaconships and cut down on the vigilantism. But while a few forums are functioning, enthusiasm has hardly been overwhelming.

"We are beginning to see some community response," said Janine Rauch, an adviser to the Ministry of Safety and Security, which over-sees the police. 'If there is a frustration, it is that the police organization is lagging behind."
The task of remaking the police is daunting.

The government has merged 11 different forces, most of them from the former black homelands, into a 130,000-man department. Beginning salaries are about \$300 a month, a bit more than a gardener earns. Senior posidons have been shuffled, and prosecutors are investigating apartheid-era crime, lowering morale. Private efforts to combat crime are not restricted to black neighborhoods. In the rich white areas, where people live behind barbedwire fences, security firms have uniforms and cars and sign cootracts with homeowners.

Experts say the vigilantes in black townships have roots in politics. The end of the war against apartheid left a lot of young men, halftrained by the resistance movement, without much to do. The founders of Youth Action,

Bernard Mdlalose, 23, and Gerry Marobuiane, 23, were African National Congress activists. "We wanted to show people that the youth around here could do some good," Mr. Marohuiane said, "There is a lot of bad stuff out there. The police, they doo't know their way around.

Mr. Mdlalose, surveying Big Fish's condition, showed oo particular pity.
"We doo't care about him," he said with a

shrug. "He is very cruel, this guy. Even if we said come back tomorrow, we will try to find a job or whatever, he would oot come back." Mr. Mdlalose expected Big Fish would simply leave the oeighborhood.

It took a few days, but Youth Action found two of the teenagers it sought in the hair salon rohbery. Mr. Marohuiane said they were kept in the offices for three days for a "little eotertainment." By then, the boys had told them where to find Mrs. Mokhubu's belongings. In a week, she was back in business. The police oever did call back, she said.

Ai Hang is 23 and oppears as robust and muscular as any farmhand in the Chinese village of Dadinghu. But he is one of the victims of the heroin plogue that swept into China in the 1980s: He has AIDS.

Fraud Is Charged As Egyptians Vote

New Parliament Selected

By John Lancaster Vashington Past Service

CAIRO - Amid confusion and occasional scenes of chaos. Egyptians voted Wednesday in and mounting allegations of

Voters lined up outside polling places, campaign trucks threaded their way through crowds and cheering teenagers banged tambourines and waved polidical placards as Egyptians focused with uncommon interest on their country's first contest for the National Assembly since 1990.

But the credibility of an election hailed by the governing National Democratic Party as a democratic showcase has been seriously undermined by a security crackdown on the Islamic policial opposition that constitutes the only real threat to the government's lock on pow-

Policemen have rounded up hundreds of Islamic policial activists in recent days, including many who had been designated by parliamentary candidates to serve as observers inside polling stations.

The security sweeps, which hiding, mark the culmination of a government campaign against the so-called Islamic trend. which has included many arrests of candidates and interference with their political campaigns, including bans on public gatherings.

Opposition activists, mean-position in 1997. what the government could not ident since 1981.

accomplish through intimidation and arrest, it would do through election fraud. They cited evidence of ballot-box stuffing and the registration of dead people as voters. Such charges parliamentary elections that fueled an atmosphere of anger were marked by the arrest of and mistrust at polling stations, fueled an atmosphere of anger hundreds of Islamic activists some of which were virtually surrounded by troops and armed plainclothes policemen.

Because of the widespread perception that the government will not permit any challenge to its power, turnout in Egyptian elections is traditionally low. While it was too soon to say whether the elections Wednesday would be different, public interest has been unusually high because of the participation of opposition parties. Most of them boycotted the 1990 elec-

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"They keep hoping against hope" that the elections will be fair, said Saad Ibrahim, a prominent sociologist and member of an independent election commission that was set up to monitor the voting.

Even in the fairest of contests, independent analysts estimate, the governing party could be expected to win 55 percent to 60 percent of the vote. given the natural advantages of incumbency and the reluctance of many Egyptians to tamper have driveo many activists into with the status quo. But most predict the government will win

on the order of 80 percent. That is enough to provide a comfortable margin of safety for President Hosni Mubarak, who needs a two-thirds majority in Parliament to guarantee his renomination without op-

while, complained bitterly that Mr. Mubarak has been pres-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Paris Strikes to Go On Another Day

PARIS (AFP) — The Paris mass transit system will be paralyzed again Thursday as drivers continue a protest against the French government's plan to restructure the railroads and reform the welfare system, the urban transit company RATP said

It said there would be no trains on Paris regional RER commuter lines while central city underground Métro traffic would be
"severely disrupted or nil." It said bus services would be "vir-"

On Wednesday, all Métro and RER lines were closed, and 10 to 20 percent of buses were running, the RATP said, Rail workers meanwhile, voted to continue their six-day strike Thursday. French strikers continued to block cross-Channel ferries trying to dock in Calais on Wednesday despite a court ruling ordering them to withdraw, officials said.

Compromise on Ferry-Safety Rules

LONDON (Reuters) - Maritime nations reached a compromise deal on oew safety rules for ferries Wednesday that fell - ? short of tough, but costly, design standards sought by naval

A conference of the International Maritime Organization met to consider safety rules for "roll-on/roll-off" ferries like the Estonia. which sank in a Baltic storm last year with the loss of more than 900 lives. The accord requires ferries to improve their stability . . under rules set in the International Convention for the Safety of : Life at Sea. The rules already apply to ships huilt since 1990.

Strikers Ground Sabena for 24 Hours

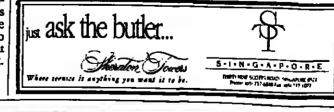
BRUSSELS (AP) - Labor unrest in Belgium worsened Wednesday when unions grounded Sabena airline with a 24-hour strike and announced a new rail strike for next week to protest plans to cut jobs and freeze wages.

With little advance warning, Sabena unions stopped work at 4 A.M. on Wednesday, forcing management to scrap all flights and operations for the day.

Prime Minister Mahathir hin Mohamad of Malaysia. Launched Saeaga Airline, set up to serve Malaysia, Indonesia. Brunei and the Philippines. Malaysia's Sabah and Sarawak state governments each hold a 40 percent stake, while the remaining 20 percent is held by Ekran Air, a subsidiary of Ekran Ltd. (AP).

Correction

An article in Wednesday's edicions incorrectly reported a growth forecast for the U.S. economy by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which said it expected U.S. growth to slow in 1996 to 2.5 percent from an expected 3 percent this year.



In Rio, a March Against Rampant Violence

By Diana Jean Schemo

RIO DE JANEIRO - In reaction to a mounting wave of violence, hundreds of thousands of people filled the downtown streets, expressing fear and anger over crime that has made a capove of their city.

The march hegan Tuesday at the Candelaria church — which gained infamy after police massacred seven street children who had been sleeping in the church's entryway two years ago — with a mission that combined elements of a poliocal rally, religious revival and Carnival.

smeared with white paint or the word

getting any money. It was the city's

contrast to a similar attack on Sun-

second such attack this week.

their bands, which played driving when they are the victims of crimes. beats to which some demonstrators

the usual calls for a crackdown on

An internal report on the Rio police oot poverty, on the rich. Many prefer department reportedly estimated that The demonstration was devoid of 80 percent of the police, or 9,600 members of the 12,000-member force, were dishonest, and collected more Nor did it end in a series of speeches than \$1 million a mooth in extortion

'It is like we are in jail. I believe if there are more and more poor, I will become poor, too.'

day, also in Brooklyn, in which a that the two men in Sunday's attack

in support of the organizers' two main goals. The first is the introduction of basic services, including water, some drug dealers, kidnappers, or could become easy victims for kidnappers.

"We didn't want to fall into the trap"

"It is like we are in jail," said Leah basic services, including water, sewage treatment and health programs Cloaked all in white, with faces to improve conditions in the slums, where 17 percent of the city's pop-'peace' scrawled in lipstick on their ulation lives. The second is a cleanup cheeks, people from the slums of police departments, which are so marched alongside businessmen and notoriously corrupt that most residents housewives. Samba academies sent say they avoid calling the police, even

NEW YORK — A robber sprayed clerk in a token booth suffered burns what was believed to be a flammable over 80 perceot of his body. The a new film, "Money Train," about a

liquid into a subway token booth in clerks sell the tokens commuters robbery in the subway system.

The burned clerk, Harry Kaufman,

In latest attack, the man demanded

money before spraying the liquid. The clerk refused while pushing a

No one was injured and nothing silent alarm to alert the police, said through the token-booth slot and igwas set on fire, the police said, in police spokewoman, Sara Carpenter. nited it, blowing up the booth. No

of political confrootation, because the government's so used to that," said Rubem César Fernándes, director of Viva Rio, a civic group that was largeresponsible for organizing the demonstration.

50, remained in critical condition. Po-

lice officials said the men trying to roh

him squeezed a flammable liquid

The risk of crime is so much a part poor, too." 2d New York Subway Clerk Is Attacked

> The boy was shot in the spine while he played soccer three years ago, caught in a shoot-out between drug

mained a paraplegic.

'The only solution for us is to march," she said, adding that she was not sure any progress would come of

of life here that it forces simplicity, if to live in apartments and it is rare to see a house in Rio that is oot surrounded by a tall fence or wall, the top protected

Few people dare to venture out wearing expensive jewelry or clothes, and residents tend not to go for strolls ways except for some rural freeways or to the public beaches, where they

by sharpened iron bars. In the evening,

drivers may slow down, but not stop, at

red lights, for fear of "carjackings" or

nappers.
"It is like we are in jail," said Leah fears to volunteer to feed and educate children from some of the 570 slums in miles of wide-open flat roads, will and around the city. "I believe if there are more and more poor, I will become have no speed limit at all.

Mr. Clinton signed the

Probably the most frequent victims of crimes, however, are the residents Ferreira, who lives in Rocinha, which with 250,000 residents is one of Latin America's largest slums, pushed her 7year-old son Leonardo in his

dealers and the police, and has re-

the demonstration. "I have more hope than confidence that anything will

Federal Curb On Speed Ends

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has signed legislation repeal-

ing federal speed limits. The change becomes effective Dec. 8, when individual states will be able to set any speed limit, free of existing federal rules that require a maximum limit of 55 miles an hour on all highwhere 65 mph is permitted.

Most states will not automatically

return to pre-1974 speed limits, but eight states, including California and Klabin, the wife of a former mayor of Rio, Israel Klabin, who puts aside her will allow drivers to drive at 70 or 75 mph. Montana, with thousands of

Mr. Clinton signed the legislation, which had overwhelming support in Congress, despite a last-minute campaign by safety, environmental and

insurance groups.

The White House spokesman,
Michael McCurry, said Mr. Clinton
was concerned that higher speed limits would lead 10 more fatalities, but 'there's not a certainty that any veto that he would exercise would be sustained by the Congress."

Speed limits were only one part of

the legislation that designates a new 160,955-mile national highway system, essendally a map of the country's most important roads. To help create the system, Congress in 1991 voted to cut all federal funding for the roads at the start of the 1996 fiscal year on Oct. 1 if the hill had not been signed.

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Registry of Lobbyists Clears House

WASHINGTON — Ending decades of gridlock, the House on Wednesday sent President Bill Clinton a bill that would register and to disclose their clients and how much they are paid.

The bill was approved, 421 to 0, after several House members decided not to offer amendments that could have thrown it into parliamentary limbo. Mr. Clinton

then, efforts to tighten disclosure rules for lobbyists have failed at least 10 times.

sentative Peter DeFazio, Democrat of Orelobyists have failed at least 10 times.

The House has an historic opportunity to end more than 40 years of gridlock, inaction, stalemate, failure," said Repreto end more than 40 years or gridlock, a similar our passed both chambers over-inaction, stalemate, failure," said Repte-sentative Charles Canady, Republican of Florida, a primary sponsor of the bill. "The American people want lohbying reform."

To break free from that history, lawmakers had first in defeat a series of pro-

posed amendments, one of them supported posed by Representative Bill Clinger, Reby the chamber's Republican leadership. force thousands of Washington lobbyists to ecutive branch use of grassroots lobbying techniques to influence Congress and pro-hibited certain U.S. trade officials from

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gon, said of the amendment attempts.
Supporters remembered last year, when
a similar bill passed both chambers over-

and Republican allies in the Senate.

publican of Pennsylvania, sought to impose On Tuesday night, the House defeated new civil penalties for administration of-amendments that would have banned exthrough grassroots techniques -- organizing citizens to contact their lawmakers through ads, pamphlets, mailings, speeches and the like. Despite support from the Republican leadership, it failed on a 238-to-190 vote.

The overall law governing registration of lobbyists was passed in 1946 but later was rendered meaningless by a Supreme Court decision. It has resisted at least 10

attempts to revamp it in the years since.

At the time of the court ruling, Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote that disclosure remained important. "Otherwise the voice of the people may all too easily be drowned out by the voice of special interest

Washington whose primary joh is to try to The executive-branch lobbying ban, pro- influence government policy.

Away From Politics

 The police have accused a Detroit woman of selling her son into slavery to pay a debt for crack cocaine. The woman, 34-year-old Mary Carter, was accused of selling her son Tazar,

 A lawsuit against The Washington Post by the Church of Scientology has been dismissed by a federal judge, who ordered the church to pay all attorney fees. Judge Leonie M. Brinkema said the church had no grounds to prohibit The Post from printing brief excerpts from religious texts that the church has tried to conceal from the public. The excerpts were published in an article about litigation between the church and former members who have put the texts on the Internet.

 Virginia took a major step toward joining Maryland in protecting the endangered Chesapeake Bay blue crab with a proposal for tough new limits on commercial catches. A lied and altered research to hide the perils of state marine commission decided to vote in smoking.

By Douglas Farah

ington Post Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - The govern-

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide would hold

elections for a successor and leave office as

troops to occupy the nation 14 months ago and

A the Analysis

January on freezing new crabbing licenses shortening the crabbing season and limiting the number of traps. The goal is to reduce the harvest by 1 million crabs a week. (WP)

The use of amphetamines has skyrocketed in California in the last 10 years, according to a new report. During the decade ending in 1993, amphetamine-related hospital admissions, a commonly accepted indicator of drug use, increased 366 percent in the state, according to a report by the Public Statistics Institute. The sharpest rise has occurred since 1992, the report noted. (LAT)

 A former tobacco company executive met Wednesday with Justice Department attorneys who are believed to he investigating the industry. Jeffrey Wigand, who talked in the CBS television show "60 Minutes" for a segment about smoking that was never broadcast, also planned to give a deposition to lawyers in Mississippi about whether his former employer, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company,

nation among his international backers when, in

Mr. Aristide, Haiti's first democratically

Senior Aristide advisers said it was precisely

'Aristide wants to come back in five years, so

aide. "He views what he is doing is exchanging

three years now for 10 years — five with Préval and five when he comes back."

Then Feud, On Budget By Jerry Gray New York Times Service

Rivals Make

Headway,

WASHINGTON - White House and congressional nego-tiators agreed Wednesday on the framework for their talks on a seven-year, balanced budget deal. But even as the two sides celebrated that bit of progress, the House was giving a stark reminder of how tortuous budget negotiations can he, voting to reject one of the major 1996

Dissatisfied with some of the Senate-drafted environmental provisions in the \$61.3 appropriations hill for veterans, housing, environmental and other programs, 25 Republicans joined the minority Democrats and the lone independent in the House on a 216-to-208 vote that a speech to his hardcore followers a week ago, he sent the legislation back to a conference committee.

left the door open to continuing in office for three The House vote is the latest example of the Republican leadership's problems in marshaling support for legislation that among other things, makes deep cuts in environmental constitutionally mandated, leaving many of his poorest followers frustrated, angry and hitter. elected president, took office in February 1991, and was overthrown in a military coup seven. In keeping with the growing perception here months later. He spent three years in exile before that Mr. Azistide is being hounded from office by

spending.
On the bigger issue of the seven-year budget deal, negoreturn the president to office, many people are now saying it is time for U.S. troops to leave.

Semior Aristide advisers said it was precisely seven-year budget deal, negotiators for the White House and staunchest supporters that be had not categoriate for the Republican majority in staunchest supporters that be had not categor- for the Republican majority in In a measure of how popular Mr. Aristide remains, those interviewed blamed the United "What the president wanted to do was avoid day on Capitol Hill and after a

States, not the president, for failing to improve their daily lives.

When the nation's prostrate economy or improve their daily lives.

When the president Aristide steps down, it will be a day of national mourning for all of us," said by the president Aristide will leave on Feb.7, and René

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The said Representative to the way around the same time of the "It's tough sledding in there," said Representative John R. Kasich of Ohio, the chairman of the House Budget Committee and one of the Republican point men in the talks. We've solved some problems today. They're not real big substantive problems, but reaching small agreements can lead to

Senior Aristide advisers said the president, to he cannot just tell people no," said the Aristide reaching bigger agreements."

President Bill Clinton and the Republican leaders — News Gingrich, the House speaker, and Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader — agreed to the talks earlier this month after their differences over the Republicans' seven-year plan to balance the budget led to a six-day partial shutdown of the fed-

> should be at the table. The Democrats showed up with seven — led by the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, with two other senior administration officials, two Honse Democrats and two Sen-

Mr. Kasich and Senator Pete Domenici, the chairman of the Senate Brdget Committee, led a five-member Republican

"We've solved who is going to sit at the table," Mr. Kasich said after the conclusion of Wednesday's two-hour meet-ing. "We think that tomorrow we'll probably reach some more agreement on some other issues. some issues of real substance." Each side said, with what

Malcom LONG are sad to announce his death in

at the start of the 2nd World War & served throughout. He was awarded the medal of the "Liberation of France" in 1944. The funeral was on November 27th at Père-Lachaise Cemetary.

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With his wife, Sandi, cheering, Jesse Jackson Jr. gave his father a kiss at a Chicago election victory celebration.

White House Accused

WASHINGTON — Republicans on the Senate Whitewater committee accused the White House of improperly obtaining information about a politically sensitive investigation of a judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, who has said he was arge, federally backed loan in 1986, when Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas.

Entering new territory, the committee began exploring how the White House reacted in the summer and fall of 1993 to the accusations concerning the judge, David Hale, who had been running a Small Business Administration invest-

ment company in Arkansas. Facing fraud charges that summer, Judge Hale sought a plea agreement in exchange for information he said he could provide that in 1986 Mr. Clinton, as govemor, had forced him to make an improper \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal, a business partner of Mr. Clinton in a real estate venture known as Whitewater,

Mrs. McDougal and her husband at the time, James B. McDougal, were the Clintons' partners in Whitewater, Mr. Mc-Dougal also owned and operated Madisoo Guaranty, a savings and loan associatioo that collapsed in 1989 and is at the center of the Whitewater investigation.

Money from the \$300,000 loan by Judge trolled by Mrs. McDougal, some of which had repaid a Whitewater bank loan for When Mr. Lindsey said he tild not Gingrich, earlier this year for suggesting

President Clinton has said he has no recollection of discussing a loan with Judge Hale. The judge, who has pleaded guilty to fraud charges, is awaiting sen-

The Republicans spent the day questioning White House and Small Business Administration officials about two instances when the senators said information was improperly conveyed to the Clinton aides about the Hale investigation.

In one case, the Small Business Administration provided papers from its investigation to an associate White House Reynolds vacated following his conviccounsel, Neil Eggleston, for a few days in tion for sexual misconduct. November 1993. In the special election on

Mr. Eggleston testified that he shared the papers with no one else at the White House and that he returned them after Democratic district of Chicago. Justice Department officials raised strong objections about the White House gaining control of them.

In another instance, Republicans said that handwritten notes taken by Bruce Lindsey, one of President Clinton's clospressured by Bill Clinton into making a est aides, suggested that the White House was getting inside information from the U.S. attorney's office in Little Rock, which was also examining Judge Hale and his investment company, Capital Management Services,

On Sept. 20, 1993, shortly after a twohour interview with The New York Times about Judge Hale's accusations, Mr. Lindsey called James Blair, another close friend of the president who has done legal work for the Clintons.

Mr. Lindsey took ootes of the discussion with Mr. Blair, Referring to Mrs. McDougal's lawyer, Sam Heuer, and an assistant U.S. attorney, Brent Bumpers, Mr. Lindsey wrote; "Heuer asked Brent Bumpers - asked whether indictment -

he meant by another line in his notes that facilities. referred to another assistant U.S. attorney Hale wound up in various entities con- in Little Rock, which said: "Fletcher Jack-

which the Clintons were personally li- know what the sentence referred to, Mr. D'Amato called that answer "preposterous." The senator added that any reasonable person could only conclude that Mr. Lindsey, through Mr. Blair, was getguilty to fraud charges, is awaiting sentencing and has been cooperating with the Whitewater independent counsel. ting confidential information about the Hale investigation from federal prosecutors in Little Rock. (NYT)

Jesse Jackson .Ir. Wins

CHICAGO - Jesse Jackson Jr., the son of the Reverend Jesse Jacksoo, won the Democratic primary for a seat in the House of Represcotatives, becoming the odds-on favorite for the seat that Mel In the special election on Dec. 12, Mr. no heart damage."

With 97 percent of precincts reporting.

unofficial returns showed Mr. Jackson with 28,793 votes, or 48 percent. (AP)

House Doyenne to Go

DENVER - Representative Par Schroeder, the dean of women legislators in Congress, said Wednesday that she would not seek a 13th term.

Mrs. Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, who has served 23 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, was scheduled to make an official announcement later Wednesday in Washington.

Mrs. Schroeder said she was leaving Congress because "I feel it's time to move on to tackle new challenges.

"Violating the first law of wing-walking, which says never let go of what you have until you have a firm grip on something else, I will retire from the Congress at the end of this term," she said in a news

against Hale, not McD."

Under questioning by the committee's chairman, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Rewhitest of Plant Variation publican of New York, Mr. Lindsey said he had no idea of what he meant by the sentence. He also said he had no idea what subcommittee on military installations and

An outspoken feminist, she is known for her quick wit and sharp tongue.

that women should oot serve in combat because they could get "infections" from being in a ditch for 30 days.

She also is credited with hanging the "Teflon presideot" label on Ronald Reagan when he was president.

Fifteen other Democrats have said that they are leaving at their end of their term, and two others have resigned. Five Republican representatives have decided not to seek re-election next year. (AP)

Ouote / Unquote

Sarah Brady, wife of the former White House press secretary, James S. Brady, after her husband's hospitalization for a heart attack: "His heart is fine. There is

The Museum-Watch.

The 'Low-Fat' Yogurt That Wasn't

ment next to an open sewer in the sprawling slum of Cité Soleil. "He is oot asking to stay for three minister during his first time in office and is Mr.

years, the people are asking him to stay.' Aristide's handpicked successor. Given Mr. In radio statements Wednesday, the head of Aristide's continued, immense popularity, Mr.

the Provisional Electoral Council reiterated that Préval is expected to win easily in the field of 14

Aristide Prepares His Departure

Followers See the U.S. Driving Him Out

ment moved Wednesday to put out the word that years to make up for the three years he speot in

the same U.S. government that sent 20,000 paved the way for his return.

Gelain Corentin, as a crowd murmured agree- Préval is his candidate."

elections would be held as scheduled Dec. 17,

and said organizing was proceeding as planned.

avoid alienating supporters, was having other

political allies speak out to explain why he would

not stay on past his 5-year term.

hington Post Service

frozen yogurt you had for dessert was not only delicious, but low in fat, too.

But the Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday that it settled its fourth case in two accused of false advertising by the trade comyears against a frozen dessert maker that made false claims about the fat content. In 1993 television commercials, the com-

mission said, Dannon Co. indicated that its
Pure Indulgence line of frozen yogurt, in flavores such as Chunky Chocolate Nut and Heath
Par Cumch, were low in fat and could be setted. Bar Crunch, were low in fat and could be eaten without guilt.

But the commission called those claims misleading. It found that Dannon's Chunky Chocolate Nut yogurt had 190 calories per half-cup serving and nine grams of fat. The disputed the trade commission's claims by Food and Drug Administration's definition of decided to settle and put the issue behind it.

over low-fat claims.

Dannon joined three other brands that were mission and settled without admitting wrongdoing: Haagen-Dazs Co.'s frozen yogurt, Islay Klondike's Klondike ice cream bars and Es-

low in fat is to read the outrition label required on nearly all food and oot rely on the ads, said Jeff Nedleman, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

A Dannon spokesman said the company disputed the trade commission's claims but

Morning Edition. Marketplace. eral government. All Things Considered." low fat is any product that has three grams of The talks did not have the By Sharon Walsh most auspicious of starts, with fat or less per serving. Dannon admitted oo wrongdoing but agreed Monitor Radio. the two sides embroiled from Talk of the Nation. WASHINGTON - You thought that tasty not to make false claims in the future and to the outset in an argument over pay \$150,000, the first monetary settlement just how many negotiators We're all here.

ate Democrats.

seemed like forced humor, that they had spent the last two days "bonding."

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Supreme Court Refines Definition Of Custody in Miranda Warnings confessed to killing his ex-wife a factual one, a high degree of

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Wednesday tay their rights were violated during police interrogations to suspects in their custody of while federal court challenges of their right to remain silent or discretion. their state court convictions.

Ruling, 7-to-2, in a case from Alaska, the court gave federal judges broader power to second-guess state courts on the question of whether a criminal suspect was "in custody"

when questioned by police. lower federal courts for more entitled to a Miranda warning. study the case of a man who

nine years ago.

have a lawyer present before

responding to questions. At issue in the case decided inating remarks was not in cus-

The high court's landmark a matter of law or a mixed fact-1966 ruling in Miranda vs. Ari- and-law issue, federal judges

Writing for the court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said: "Two discrete inquiries are es-Wednesday was how much def- sential to the determination; erence a federal court must give first, what were the circumto a state court determination stances surrounding the interrothat a suspect who made incrim- gation; and second, given those circumstances, would a reason-The decision sent back to tody and therefore had not been able person have felt he or she was not at liberty to terminate If the custody issue is merely the interrogation and leave."

Seoul Prosecutors Arrest Tycoon in Bribes Scandal

SEOUL — Chung Tae Soo, the head of a large South Korean conglomerate, was arrest-ed and jailed here late Wednes-Roh about 60 billion won (\$78 day, charged with graft and million) in bribes, Yonhap said, obstructing justice.

Group, is the first businessman widespread slush-fund scandal. He appeared dazed when he was escorted out of the chief prosecutor's office.

ecutors, Mr. Chung was driven to join former President Roh Tae Woo, the man he is accused of have acknowledged giving Mr. bribing, at Seoul Detention Center on the outskirts of the city.

Prosecutors were quoted by

MANILA - President Fidel

"off to an auspicious

peace talks with Muslim rebels

start" in Jakarta. The Moro National Libera-

tion Front, representing Mus-

lims seeking self-rule in south-

ern Philippine provinces, also

declared that progress had been

made with government repre-

turn leap in our talks here," the

Moro delegation chief, Nur

third day's talks Wednesday.

der Indonesian sponsorship.

ing to have a fourth round of

if he hoped an agreement would

be finally signed after more

than two years of talks, saying:

He said Manila's chief ne-

'Let's just hope for the best.'

gotiator, Manuel Yan, in-

talks." Mr. Nur added.

"I believe we made a quan-

Manila and Muslims

Sees Progress in Talks

MANILA — President Fidel off to a good start and that he V. Ramos said Wednesday that was confident that "forward

Misuari, said at the end of the the office of a shipping firm in

The Jakarta talks, which are on Monday, and armed men

third round of negotiations un- terminal in oearby Kabacan

"I think it's almost a fore- Province, on Tuesday, killing a

gone conclusion that we are go- boy and wounding 22 other

ng to have a fourth round of people.

alks," Mr. Nur added.

Mr. Ramos hedged when he lim extremists shot and hacked

was asked at a news conference to death a Christian family of

Hanbo has a core business of Mr. Chung, head of the Hanbo steel and construction, and with 26 subsidiaries is South Korea's to be imprisoned in the nation's 15th largest cooglomerate in terms of assets, which are reported to be about \$4.7 billion. About 30 business execu-

tives have been summoned to Accompanied by two pros- the prosecutor's office in the have acknowledged giving Mr. Roh when he was in office from 1988 to 1993.

In another surprising devel-opment in the case Wednesday, the Yonhap news agency as saying that they had decided to arrest Mr. Chung, who had been indicted Monday, because the statute of limitations on his alleged bribery was due to run out.

In another surprising development in the case Wednesday, opposition legislators dropped an attempt to have a court declare a 1980 coup unconstitutional, a court spokesman said.

Their appeal to the Consti-Their appeal to the Consti-

formed him that the talks were

momentum will be gained as

the plenary session ensues within the week."

working out an accord that

largely Roman Catholic na-

While the talks were going

town, in North Cotabato

three in Sarangani Province.

that the Kabacan and Zamhoan-

ga incidents were the work of

Maslim extremists trying to

sabotage the talks. (AFP. AP)

Mr. Ramos dismissed reports

tral bomeland.

president, Chun Doo Hwan, to be prosecuted for their role in the Lawmakers and three civic

groups withdrew the appeal. According to the spokesman, they said it would only confuse the situation after President Kim Young Sam instructed his party to draft a special law to prosecute those responsible.

They appear to be satisfied that Mr. Kim's move will result in punishment for Mr. Rob and Mr. Chun for leading the coup and for their role in a massacre against pro-democracy demonstrations that followed in the city of Kwangju, killing nearly 200 people.

The surprise move probably means the court will not pass judgment on the appeal against a July decision by prosecutors not to charge Mr. Roh and Mr. Chun on the ground that the coup was legally valid.

The court had been expected

to announce a decision on the appeal on Thursday morning. News reports said it had decided to strike down the prosecution ruling.
"The court's announcement

on this issue is unlikely tomorthe court spokesman

questioned Mr. Roh for the fourth time since he was ar-The negotiations are aimed at A prosecutor, Ahn Kang Min, however, denied reports would give autonomy to this that its office had found 28

tion's 6-million member Mus- more hank accounts held by Mr. lim minority, most of whom Roh, each containing about \$13 live in Mindanao, their ances- million. The widespread reports said that all the oew accounts were on, a bomb explosion rocked registered under borrowed names of businesses in six local banks including the Commersouthern Zamboanga Province

> They also said that evideoce had been found that part of the money had been funneled to politicians of the governing and oposition parties.

Mr. Ahn reconfirmed that search warrants had been issued Wednesday for those financial institutions, but said the purpose of the warrants had been to gain additional information on 'already-disclosed' accounts. (AP, Reuters)



Chinese Maneuvers Rattle Taiwan

Agence France-Presse

TAIPEI - Taiwan's stock tions. exchange feil more than 65 presidential elections in March.

Taiwanese authorities deplanner, said.

The Defense Ministry in Taipei was also reluctant to Evening News, quoting an uncomment on reports that China named defense official as saynear Taiwan in February and not surprised at the maneuvers. duce backing for the main pro-March, just prior to the island's

March 23 presidential elec- threats and words of war against

But a ministry spokesman points Wednesday after reports said the government was "althat China planned to hold an- ways on alert to any military cial Bank, three investment other round of military exer- maneuvers" and "has closely scheduled to end Friday, are the hurled three grenades at a bus trust firms and four securities cises just before the island's monitored all such activities on was partly hlamed on the rethe mainland,

The exercises will concenpaper. Ming Pao.
The Taipei-based United

us do not surprise us," the official was quoted as saying.

Taiwan's stock exchange closed 65.81 points lower at 4700.88 amid heavy selling that

Taiwan's stock market usuclined to comment. "We don't trate on "large-scale area air ally falls after a report of Chiwant to commeot on newspaper raids' including "precision nese military maneuvers, and reports of such a drill." the bombing" with nighttime Beijing's two rounds of missile reports of such a drill." the bombing" with nighttime Beijing's two rounds of missile Mainland Affairs Council, Tai- strikes on selected targets, actually and wan's highest mainland policy cording to a Hong Kong news- August triggered a plunge of some 800 points.

Some analysts saw the exercises as an attempt by Beijing to turn people against the govwould hold air force exercises ing military authorities were eming Nationalist Party and re-"China's increase in military independence opposition party.

Burmese government. The junta, which calls itself the State Law and Order Restoration Council, has refused to honor the results of a

San Suu Kyi and her political

party removes any veneer of

legitimacy from the conven-

tion, which was organized by

the military two years ago to

enshrine its political role in the

Burmese Laureate

Defies the Military

Party Boycotts Convention

By Philip Shenon

New York Times Service

San Suu Kyi, the Burmese op-position leader, defied the mil-

itary government Wednesday

party would boycott a military-

run convention to draw up a

ly six years under house arrest.

of her political party, the Na-

tional League for Democracy.

and go, they lingered outside

the homes throughout the day.

Foreign diplomats reported

widespread rumors that a wing

of Insein Prison, the local pen-

itentiary used to hold political

prisoners, had been cleared out

in recent days to make space for

In a letter delivered Tuesday,

many of Daw Aung San Suu

with the party over the coun-

party's decision to boycott the

constitutional convention was

against the national interests,

the military statement warned.

totally forsaking and going

try's political future.

Kyi's followers.

While the soldiers allowed residents of the houses to come

convention.

new constitution for Burma.

and announced that her political

RANGOON- Daw Aung

1990 election won overwhelm-The move was her most direct ingly hy the National League challenge to the junta since the for Democracy. Daw Aung San Nobel Peace Prize winner was Suu Kyi, the daughter of Burfreed in July after spending nearma's independence leader, U Aung San, was under house ar-"The people of Burma are very united in thinking that the national convention is oot headrest at the time of the election. Since her release in July,

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has P ing toward democracy," she said in announcing the boycott.
"I do not think there is as yet called repeatedly for negotiations with the junta, saying she is anxious to avoid any pos-sibility of a repetition of the any evidence that the people of Burma support this national violence here in 1988, when thousands of her supporters The boycott met with an omiwere gunned down in a military nous response from the milicrackdown that led to her house tary, which deployed teams of arrest the following year.
"We do not want to call the uniformed soldiers to the homes of three senior members

people onto the streets, and we have no intention of calling the people into the streets," she said at a news conference in her lakeside garden. "We have always said that we are prepared to have dialogue at any time."

But the generals have not responded to her pleas, pushing ahead instead with a stage-managed constitutional convention in which delegates mostly handpicked by the military are drafting a constitution that guarantees the military a permanent role in Burmese politics.

the party informed the govern-ment of its decision to boycott As a result of the boycott, the the convention, which re-opened this week after a seven-86 seats allotted to the National League for Democracy were empty in the convention hall month recess, to protest the jun-Wednesday.
"The authorities did not at ta's refusal to open negotiations

any time show any willingness to talk to the National League for In a response published Wednesday in a government-Democracy as the winning party run newspaper, the junta acof the 1990 elections, "Daw cused the National League for Aung San Suu Kyi said in explaining the reasons for the boy? Democracy of trying to disrupt cott. "They keep saying that the the national convection in hopes of replacing it "with a national convention is a substiconvention they would be able nute for dialogue. I do not think they can say that any longer." to dominate as they like." The

Western diplomats said they feared that the junta might try to arrest some of the party's senior members on trimped-up charges of inciting public dis-The boycott by Daw Aung order because of the boycott.

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By Kevin Murphy

International Herald Tribus HONG KONG - A senior Chinese diplomat and leading Hong Kong officials. including Governor Chris Panen, traded criticism and personal attacks Wednesday as the British colony braced for a further

deterioration in relations with Beijing. The subject of debate was Hong Kong's social spending policies, which Chen Zuo'er, China's top representative to the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, described Tuesday as 'out of control.'

But the harsh tone of his criticism, followed hy a description of Mr. Patten on Wednesday as "a dictator sent by the Queen" who "could not represent the views of the Hoog Kong people's signaled a deeper struggle, local commentators said.

In comments that likened Hong Kong's welfare outlays to a racing car that is destined to crash, Mr. Chen said Tuesday, "It may be the result of poliocal immaturity. Otherwise, it may be caused by evil in- economies. While oudays have increased

tentions." The dispute arose a week after a controversial speech by a leading pro-China figure outlined what he called the need to establish a Hong Kong shadow government, appointed by Beijing, to prepare for the transition of the colony to Chinese administration in 1997. The dispute then worsened on the eve of the first informal meeting of

senior Hong Kong bureaucrats and their Chinese counterparts, scheduled Thursday.
That timing led analysts to believe that Beijing may now be seeking a greater role in the local budget process than was agreed to in the script for the 1997 handover.

Speaking of Mr. Chen and the meeting Thursday, Mr. Patten said, "His remarks were ill-informed and extremely misjudged. Let's remember what these talks amount to. They are a courtesy from the government of Hong Kong, informing, and I underline that word, Chinese officials on how we run extremely successfully our budget."

the local economy. The choice of social spending as a sub-

ject for criticism of the local administration has therefore surprised many analysts. "Mr. Chen's criticism of the govern-

ment was absolutely inappropriate and had ignored outright the practical local situation," said the mass-circulation Oriental Daily News in a commentary Wednesday.

Mr. Chen's hard line on the local budget process follows a series of Chinese statements about the need to change fundamental aspects of Hong Kong's political and legal system. Threats to abolish the existing legislature and some civil liberties statutes have jolted local confidence in what political life will be like under Beijing's rule.

To judge from widespread opposition to Mr. Chen's views as expressed in local Hong Kong's welfare spending has long lagged behind levels in other developed panded to fears about China's direct inpanded to fears about China's direct interference in Hong Kong's fiscal planning.

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Seoul Talks Start on Status of GIs SEOUL - The United States and South Korea will begin

negotiations this week to rewrite a 1966 agreement on the treatment of U.S. soldiers accused of crimes here, the Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

The two-day talks will begin Thursday between John Hall, a director at the Defense Department, and Lim Sung Jun, a

director in charge of U.S. affairs at the South Korean Foreign Ministry, it said. Anger over crime by American soldiers is growing, and South Korea says the current agreement gives them special legal privileges that allow them to avoid due punishmeot. South Korea objects especially to the provision governing the custody of U.S. soldiers accused of crimes, saying it must be revised in line with a similar U.S. agreement with Japan. (AP)

Army Takes Tamil Center in Jaffna

COLOMBO — Sri Lankan troops captured the main administrative huilding in the northern Tamil rebel strooghold of Jaffna on Wednesday, according to government military spokesmen. Rebels were still offering stiff resistance, they added. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have threatened to use

suicide squads in their final stand for Jaffna, which they have held for much of the past 10 years. Army commandos and airborne troops, well inside Jaffna, and mines, a military spokesman said. Rebel radio on Wednesday reported heavy fighting around Columbuthurai, Ariyalai,

Nallur and Kandarmadam suburbs of the town, saying the

Tigers had slowed the army's advance. 2 Women Are Executed in China

BELIING -- China on Wednesday executed two women convicted of being ringleaders in the higgest corruption scandal since the 1949 Communist takeover.

The Wuxi Intermediate People's Court sentenced Deng Bin and Yao Jingyi to die for illegal fund-raising, taking bribes and other economic crimes. They were put to death soon afterward, the Xinhua press agency said. Miss Deng, 58, headed a firm called Xinxing at the top of an illegal pyramid that collected 3.2 hillion yuan (\$386 million) from 368 work units and 31 hillion yuan (\$380 million) from 308 work times and individuals across China hy offering spectacular interest rates of 5 percent to 10 percent a month, the press report said.

The pyramid scheme reportedly financed the interest pay-

ments with proceeds from ever-increasing numbers of investors. Officials have accounted for most of the missing money, Xinhua said without giving details.

For the Record

South Korean intelligence on Wednesday arrested 29 dissidents on charges of helping North Korea. The 29, all described as active members of the Pan-National Unification Movement, were dragged out of their homes by intelligence officers in predawn swoops in Seoul and three other cities.

VOICES From Asia

Nur Misuari, leader of the Muslim separatist delegation holding peace negotiations in Indonesia with Philippine govresumed their advance at dawn through a maze of booby traps emment representatives: "I believe we made a quantum leap in

> So Nero, the Cambodian journalist who wrote a story saying Prince Norodom Sirivudh had outlined an assassination plot against Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, apologizing for the report, which led to the prince's arrest: "It is possible that he may have spoken seriously or was just joking. I should have found out which was the case before I wrote the story. I should have given Prince Sirivudh the chance to deny or explain about his statement and I apologize for not doing that."
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> (AFP)

Strikes in France Extended Further

Government Stands Firm On Overhauling Welfare

way and bus workers decided Wednesday to extend their strike, French officials stood firm in a battle of wills with unions over plans to overhaul

the welfare system.
"The reforms will take place and the government must stick extensive protests Thursday. by the agreed schedule," Presideot Jacques Chirac said at a cabinet meeting.
Underlining the government's determination to cut the

welfare system's huge deficit despite two widespread transport strikes in less than a week, the cabinet approved a draft bill allowing Prime Minister Alain -Juppé to order new taxes by decree pending ratification by Parliament

"The hour of true reforms has come for France," Mr. -Juppé said as he inaugurated a committee to review retirement programs. "Putting them off, as we have for 15 years, would - mean accepting a decline."

The austerity program, in-cluding reform of the social se-curity system, is aimed at cutting France's buge deficit to prepare it for membership in a European single currency by the end of the decade.

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Spriking unions showed that they, too, were determined by saying they would continue , their strikes Thursday. The three main railroad

unions also said they would boycott a planned meeting with management Thursday, complaining that communications had broken down.

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PARIS — As railroad, subvay and bus workers decided
workers' strike Tuesday, anounced they would carry their
strike into Thursday at least. "Service disruptions should be identical to today's," the RATP transport network in

Paris said Wednesday. Students, who are striking at many universities, also planned

On Wednesday, with longdistance trains and freight traffic halted across the country, manufacturers began scram-bling for such alternative transportation as barges and trucks to keep plants open.

A Peugeot plant in the city of Mulhouse announced that 6,000 to 7,000 of its 11,860 employees would be sent home Friday because there was no more room to store the cars being produced there and no way to ship them.

Commoter bus and rail service was almost nonexistent in Paris, and motorists encountered record backups on all main highways into the capital. Workers at the state utility Electricité de France-Gaz de France also called for a strike to protest government austerity plans, raising the possibility of power outages.

The main domestic airline,

Air Inter, delighted to win back customers from high-speed trains, said it would make an additional 1,000 seats available daily on its Paris-Lyon flights. Outraged Parisians voiced

anger toward the strikers on ra-dio news and talk shows. "Are you kidding?" asked a bitter woman on France-Info

Workers on subway trains radio. "Me, a grandma, hitch-"and buses, who joined the rail hike?" (Reuters, AFP)

Officials Back EU Expansion

BRUSSELS — Expansion of the European Unioo eastward will he costly for agricultural subsidy and aid programs but oot impossible, the European Commission said Wednesday.

The Commission president, Jacques Santer, speaking after the group approved two reports for the Madrid summit meeting next month, said institutional and policy changes were needed to pave the way for enlargement, but added, "Enlargement will determine the future of Europe."

The political sensitivity of the issue was shown by splits in the Commission over whether to suggest a starting date for mem-bership oegotiations, commission officials said. The report did not give soch a date.

Concerns about the cost of enlargement center on agricultural subsidies and development funds, which together account for 80 percent of the EU's annual budget.

"The Unioo will have to make substantial budgetary efforts to integrate the associated countries," said Hans Van Den Broek, the commissioner responsible for Eastern Europe. "But it's oot an insuperable obstacle."

(Reuters)

Dini Predicts Political Peace

PALERMO, Italy - Prime Minister Lamberto Dini said Wednesday that he was confident that Italy would find a way to ensure stable government during its six-month presidency of the European Union starting in January.

He said at a news conference with Prime Minister Felipe

González of Spain, the current EU presidency holder, that he expected political parties to agree on a formula that would prevent uncertainty during Italy's term.

The prime minister's remarks were met with a renewed call for a February election from his predecessor, Silvio Berlusconi, who said that only a popularly elected government could give a credible lead to the European Union. (Reuters)



POLITICALNOTES

Foreign Minister Javier Solana of Spain greeting his Italian counterpart, Susanna Agnelli, Wednesday in Sicily.

Meeting of German Left Assailed

BONN—Germany's governing conservatives Wednesday ac-cused Oskar Lafontaine, leader of the opposition Social Democrats, of consorting with "radicals" after he met a prominent

East German Communist. Mr. Lafontaine met the Communist, Gregor Gysi of the Party of Democratic Socialism, the successor party to East Germany's ruling Communists. Tuesday in Bonn.

It must not become a normal state of affairs for democrats and radicals to make common cause." said Peter Hintze, general secretary of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats. The criticism comes as Mr. Lafontaine, trying to lift his party from a popularity slump, has started to toy openly with the idea of a leftist majority involving Mr. Gysi's party. (Reuters)

Planned BBC Cuts Are Attacked

LONDON - The government came under fierce attack Wednesday for planning to cut financing for the British Broad-casting Corporation's World Service in next year's budget.

Members of Parliament from both the ruling Conservative Party and the opposition Labor Party assailed Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind for a proposed 20 percent cut in the World Service's capital budget. Mr. Rifkind, whose department has responsibility for the World Service, said the reductions were part of the government's wider policy to encourage the private financiog of investment.

European Union evems scheduled for Thursday:

BRUSSELS: EU health ministers meet. BRUSSELS: European Parliament session continues. BRUSSELS: EU agriculture ministers continue meeting. BRUSSELS: The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, meets with President Blaise Campaore of Burkina Faso

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Calling Dr. Faust: The Occult Is on a Comeback in Germany

The occult and the supernatural are in vogue in Germany, social scientists say. A survey by the respected Allensbach polling institute found that 15 percent of all Germans helieve in paranormal phenomena. Eight percent say they have tak-en part in an occult event of some sort, reports the newsweekly Focus. Markus Wende, a religious scholar in Berlin, es-timates that in that city alone, "at least 50,000 people deal with the paranormal

in some form or another." Beyond a hard core of perhaps a few hundred devil worshipers, most of these people are seen as dabblers in harmless forms of alternative belief. Such was not the case in the Europe of the 16th and 17th

burned at the stake after being accused of | annual budget of about \$4 million, the unit witchcraft or sorcery, often by meddle-some neighbors. Today, freedom of belief — up to and including satan worship
— is protected by Article 4 of the country's Basic Law.

As it has edged toward the mainstream, the occult has become hig business. Books on the paranormal account for 14 percent of all German sales, according to Hartmut Zinser of the Free University of Berlin. He and other experts say that such beliefs fill a need, especially among the young, that is oot satisfied by "overly rationalist modern society."

Around Europe

They joined for the excitement and are leaving out of boredom: At least six members of a special anti-terrorist police unit in Sweden have quit recently. The elite unit is used only in terrorist situations, reports the weekly Le Point of Paris, and terrorists are oot exactly legion in Sweden.

The group was formed in 1992, a con-sequence of the assassination six years centuries, when some 40,000 people, earlier of Prime Minister Olof Palme by a capita as in Britain, Spain or Italy. most of them women, were stoned or gunman on a Stockholm street. With an

provides top-notch training and the latest quipment to its five dozen members. But their only excitement has come in training sessions. An investigative panel says the unit should have other missions.

Robberies have become a serious problem on some overnight trains in Germany. Some of the thieves, using a technique seen elsewhere, spray a soporific gas into sleeper compartments, then help themselves to money, passports and other valuables. The hardest-hit lines have been Warsaw-Frankfurt, Hamburg-Basel and Munich-Hamburg, and 48 special guards oow work those lines nightly to improve security.

After five years of decline, the suicide rate in France rose in 1992 and 1993, the most recent years for which statistics are available. About 2 percent of all deaths in the country are now self-inflicted. Although reporting standards vary for cultural reasons, France appears to have a higher rate than most European countries, with more than twice as many suicides per International Herald Tribune

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New Polish Leader Tries to Soothe West

'I Was Never a Communist'

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

elect Aleksander Kwasniewski, vored in Washington as a signal the model of a media-savvy that be would really reach out, politician in his blue Oxford- that those positions be filled by cloth shirt, smart tie and suit, leading figures in the anti-Comsays he is annoyed that as he munist Freedom Union. tries to hitch Poland to the West be faces a huge obstacle: his

image as a former Communist. "I can imagine in the U.S. people asking, Since the post-Communists won the election "in Poland does Poland want to be a Communist country 'again?' Mr. Kwasniewski, elegant damask-covered chair nected with our political in his transition headquarters groups," he said. and spoke in English of his plans for convincing the skeptics that labels do not matter.

" Since defeating Lecb Wale-sa, Poland's first democratical-'ly elected president and a staunch anti-Communist, Mr. Kwasniewski (pronounced low profile, trying to allow pas-sions to cool at home but making the case to President Bill Clinton in a telephone call and to West European leaders that he will push forward on political and economic reforms.

 To demonstrate that he is serious, Mr. Kwasniewski on Saturday resigned his membership in the political party that he founded on the rubble of the former Communist organization and that carried him to the

But be knows, he said, that the "ex-former-post Communist" label will stick a while longer.
"I'm irritated, sure," h

said. "Not because I wasn't a rule ended in 1989. member of the party. I was, of "Something is wrong," he member of the party. I was, of course. But first, from an ide- said, when the police are wireological point of view, I was never a communist. In Poland I've seen very few communists, especially since the 1970s. I met a lot of technocrats, opportunists, reformers, liberals. Mr. Kwasniewski has been

called all those things himself. But he insists he has been a social democrat for the last six years, leading his party to support privatization and heading the commission that is drafting a new constitution.

He will reinforce his separation from his past and party, he suggested, by choosing his foreign and defense ministers make as Poland continues its efforts to join the European Communist leader.

Union and NATO. A Clinton administration of-Mr. Kwasniewski that the of Solidarity rather than as pres-'door is open, but you've got to ident.'

walk through it by reaching be-yond your base."

But Mr. Kwasniewski WARSAW - President- backed away from the idea, fa-

"It's difficult to think of the leadership of this opposition in the government," Mr. Kwasniewski said. This would lead to 'some kind of schizophrenia,' he said. Instead, he would choose more politically ocutral officials for the two posts. "We need candidates with credibility 41, said this week as he sat in an and well prepared and not con-

> about 800 soldiers to Bosnia to help NATO enforce a peace accord there, something Mr. Kwasniewski said he views as building Poland's credibility.

'Kwasniewski (pronounced ously about NATO member-kvasb-NYEFF-skee) has kept a ship, Poland should partici-low profile, trying to allow pas-pate," he said. "It's extremely important."

Catholic Church, which has a fight with Poland's bishops.

constitution that would call for the state to be "impartial" in which, officially, the church has shown little enthusiasm.

from outside his political camp. from 1956 to 1970, "because These are seen by Washington he opened Poland" to the West,

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tapping the organizers of the trips abroad that women have to go on to obtain abortions. Asked to name his political

ed with the Polish list: Jozef Pilsudski, the general who forged the rebirth of Poland after World War I; Wladysław Gomulka, first secretary of the "he was the first man to say Poland should go on its own way" from the Soviet Union a characterization many Poles would take issue with; Edward Gierek, the Communist leader as the two most critical appoint-ments Mr. Kwasniewski will another reading non-Commo-mist Poles would dispute, and Wojciech Jaruzelski, the last

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been hostile to him, Mr. Kwasniewski said he was not seeking He said he hoped to win a "compromise" from the church on wording in the new church matters, a posture for

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INTERNATIONAL

Clinton Takes Appeal For Peace to London

A Pledge to Lead Bosnian Effort

By Todd S. Purdum
New York Times Service

friendship, President Bill Clinton promised ing a Bosnian peace accord because the cannot be lost without grave consequences to the future.

Europe," Mr. Clinton told a solemn gath-ering of the Commons and the Lords in the down that road again. We will never go ering of the Commons and the Lords in the gilded Royal Gallery at Westminster.

At the start of a five-day trip that will take him to Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic, a visit with American troops in Germany and a European Union meeting in Madrid, Mr. Clinton praised the alliance that won two world wars and the Cold War. and that is even now working in harness for peace in Northern Ireland, albeit a bit uneasily at times. Without naming them, he warned would-be isolationists back home

Archaeologists Say They Erred On Jewish Site

JERUSALEM — Archaeologists said Wednesday that they had misidentified a tomb recently uncovered in central Israel as that of the Maccabees, Jewish rebels who inspired the Hanukkah holiday.

In a terse statement, the Israel Antiquities Authority said a laboratory analysis showed that archaeologists had misread an ancient Hebrew inscriptioo on the tomh.

Discovery of the burial site, during road-widening work, touched off protests by ultraorthodox Jews who accused the archaeologists of defiling Jewish graves.

On Sunday, tens of thousands of devout Jews chanted prayers in a Jerusalem square in a demonstration

against the excavations. The antiquities authority said that instead of the Hebrew letters Chet, Shin, Mem - which archaeologists had taken as the beginning of the word Hasmonean, the rebels' family name - the inscription read Chet, Nus.

The statement did not explain the meaning of Hani or say whether archaeologists still believed the tomb contained the remains of Jews. A spokesman for the authority was

Yud. or Hani.

not immediately available. The tomb, which contained 23 ossuaries, or boxes for human bones, is near the site of the ancient town of Modi'in, where Hasmonean family leader Mattathias began his revolt against the Greeks in approximately

fray.

"Despite all of the progress we have LONDON — Invoking the most cherished traditions of British-American problems clearly still out there, there are those who say at this moment of hope we the Parliament on Wednesday that the can afford to relax now behind our secure United States would take the lead in polic-borders," Mr. Clinton said in an apparent reference to some of his Republican oppublic "will see that this bopeful moment ponents, like Patrick J. Buchanan. "Now is the time, they say, to let others worry about the world's troubles.

"We must belp peace to take bold in Bosnia because so long as that fire rages at the beart of the European Continent, so long as the emerging democracies and our allies are threatened by fighting in Bosnia, there will be no stable, undivided, free European Continent, so long as the emerging democracies and our allies are threatened by fighting in Bosnia, there will be no stable, undivided, free European Continent, so long as the emerging democracies and our allies are threatened by fighting in Bosnia, there will be no stable, undivided, free down that road before. We must never go

Mr. Clinton even announced that he planned to name a new guided-missile de-stroyer after Winston Churchill, and aides said he rejected an initial speech draft, reworking the final one to include extensive references to Churchill. He could hardly have done more to assuage the feelings of a country that frets constantly about its declining influence in world politics and fears the erosion of its prized relationship with Washington.

There was not a sign of the Bill Clinton who has occasionally suggested, privately of course, that he found the British classriddled and distant during his time as a Rhodes scholar,

The president's listeners exploded with the sort of sustained applause that Mr. Clinton has been at some pains to muster on Capitol Hill in support of sending 20,000 American troops to join a 60,000-member NATO force that is to carry out the Balkan

Algeria's main Islamic opposition boy-

"Wonderfully delivered and just perfect for the occasion," said former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as she left the

Indeed, the tone of the day was one of warmth and smoothed feathers, from a morning one-on-one meeting with Prime Minister John Major through an afternoon 2 Panchen Lamas tea at Buckingham Palace with the president, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and Hillary Rodham Clinton, and a session with the leader of the Labor opposition, Tony Blair. Relations between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Major have occasionally been strained since the prime minister lent po-litical advisers to George Bush's 1992 campaign and since Mr. Clinton welcomed Gerry Adams, the leader of the Irish Republican Army's political arm, to the White House in 1994.

But Wednesday the president had nothing but praise for Mr. Major's own latest effort, announced just hours before Mr. just as effusively of Mr. Clinton's efforts in Bosnia and promised that Britain, which at by its own committee. various times in the last several years has number he has yet meotiooed.

"For the first time in the many discussions over the years that the president and I have had on Bosnia, we can look this morning at a realistic prospect of a real and lasting peace in Bosnia," Mr. Major said after the two met at No. 10 Downing Street. need to make sure that it doesn't in some fashion just slip away from us."



CASTRO IN CHINA — Cuba's president, Fidel Castro, arriving Wednesday in Beijing to begin a nine-day visit to China.

Algeria Closes Last Jail for Militants

ALGIERS — Algeria's Interior Min-istry announced that it bad closed the last special prison for Islamic militants in the southern Sahara region and had released all prisoners there.

This shutdown was one of the main demands of the Islamic Salvadon Front,

Algeria's main Islamic opposition boy-cotted the Nov. 16 presidential elections. but since then some party leaders have Tamanrasset had been freed and the camp ing nights, and harsh living conditions.

itary-backed government.

But hopes that thuse elections had brought to an end Algeria's spiral of bloody violence and civil unrest were dashed Monday after the assassination of an Algerian Army general, Mobammed Boutighane, 59, who was reported by the domestic press to be a close friend of the

In announcing the closure of the prison, statement said militant detainees in Ain Amguel in the southern province of

Some 700 prisoners were being beld at the prisoo, more than 1,200 kilometers south of Algiers.

Ain Amguel was one of several camps the Algerian authorities opened in 1992 wheo the conflict started, using its vast expanses of desert to isolate Muslim militant detainees and hold them indefinitely without trial. The fighting has cost about 50,000 lives.

Rights activists had branded the camps death-traps because of daytime heat, freez-

(AFP, Reuters)

Battle to Save Greek Leader

Case Is 'Difficult,' **But Not Hopeless**

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou remained on mechanical life support Wednesday, and doctors described his condition as "difficult" while denying reports that his brain and heart functions had been im-

"It is obvious that his condition is difficult and all efforts are being made to confront this," said Grigoris Skalkeas, vice president of the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center.

He denied reports carried by nearly all Greek broadcast media that Mr. Papandreou was clinically dead. "His brain and his heart are functioning with-out problems." Mr. Skalkeas said.

The reports were attributed to an international broadcaster who later denied them to a local television station, but the speed with which they were carried was an indication of the confusion and fear surrounding Mr. Pa-

pandreou's condition. Mr. Skalkeas said that Mr. Papandreou, 76, was undergoing sporadic dialysis to aid his kidneys in tiltering blood. Mr. Papandreou, who was hospitalized Nov. 20 with pneumonia. was responding to medication, and Mr. Skalkeas said that doctors would try to take him off a respirator in the next two days. "He has to get off the respirator very soon to avoid secondary infections that at this point could be fatal," said a doctor at the surgery center who did not want to be identified.

As doctors struggled to keep Mr. Papandreou alive, his senior ministers met to discuss the 1996 state budget to be submined to Parliament on Thursday. The meeting was led by Interior Minister Akis Tsohatzopoulos, who is considered a possible successor to Mr. (AP, Reuters)

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bun Chnekyi Nyima, to the Dalai Lama, who had relayed his approval. The author-ities abandoned the boy and held the head of the search committee, denouncing his actions as "an out and out fraud."

The Chinese authorities hurriedly reassembled the search committee and began planning to select a different boy.

Seeing that the first boy and Chatral Rinpoche were in trouble, the Dalai Lama announced in May that the new Panchen Lama had been found. Today, in a state-Clinton's arrival, to make peace in Northment, he stood his ground. But Beijing em Ireland. For his part, Mr. Major spoke denounced the Dalai Lama's choice, even though the boy had originally been chosen

According to Robert Barnett of the Tihad the most troops on the ground there, would contribute about 13,000 to the latest authorities purged uncooperative lamas in betan Information Network in London, the peacekeeping effort, the most specific Tashi Lhunpo monastery, traditionally the seat of the Panchen Lama's power, detaining 32 monks. The first selected boy and his

family have also apparently been detained. The official press agency report offered this conclusion: "All pious and Buddhist disciples and all bonest and selfless people who adhere to the truth will firmly oppose "But it is still a fragile prospect, and we the nomination of the boy named by the



Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the A coal scavenger peering through thick smog in Taiyuan, a mining center in Shanxi Province, southwest of Beijing.

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CHINA: Enormous Supply of Coal Represents Promises and Perils Continued from Page 1

try's economic output between 1980 and 2000. Last year, China's mines produced 1.2 billion tons of coal, more than any other country, and the numbers are only growing, perhaps nearly tripling to 3.1 billion tons annually by 2020.

China will be overtaking the United States then as the largest source of waste gases being pumped into the atmosphere. Still, despite the possible economic cost, the Chinese have plenty of impetus to

Researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences now say that global climate changes during the next 30 to 50 years could cause a one-meter rise in sea levels that, when magnified by storm tides, would inundate an area the size of Portugal on China's coastal plain.

This area would include the important manufacturing centers of Shanghai and Guangzhou, forcing 67 million people to abandon their land and homes.

Equally vulnerable is China's straining agricultural base, which must nearly double its harvest to feed the Chinese who will be alive 30 years from now.

Though uncertainties abound in these have mobilized China's scientific commonitoring and computer modeling to a future," said Timothy E. Wirth, the State high-priority national effort.

government scientist in Beijing and a member of the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's Parliament

But for China's Communist Party leaders, the question of who should bear the our responsibilities." burden of reducing the enormous volume of warming gases rising from the Americas. Europe and Asia draws a fiercely nationrancor-filled quesoon of whether the West, led by the United States, is seeking to limit a former head of China's Aerospace Min-

on a per capita basis and the United States discharges 10 times more than China on a per capita basis, "Qin Zhongda, the deputy chairman of the environmental protection responsible for these problems.

That means, Chinese officia gress, said last month during a news conference at the Great Hall of the People.

modate China's coal-burning juggernaut is energy sources as wind and solar power. a quescon of equity, and the country's

munity and elevated climate research, going to have increasing obligations for the alternative energy sources.

Department's undersecretary for global af-"We are paying a great deal of attention to this issue," said Sun Honglie, a senior broaden cooperation on strategies to combat climate change.

We may have fouled the atmosphere in the past," he said, "and that's our responsibility. But we both are fouling the atmosphere for the future and that is both of

China disagrees.
"Two hundred years after the Industrial Europe and Asia draws a fiercely nation-alistic response and quickly turns into the advanced and the developed countries are China's emergence as a great power.

"Developed countries discharge more carbon dioxide than developing countries

National People's Congress. "About 80 percent of the world's pollution is caused by developed countries and they should be

That means, Chinese officials say, that committee of the National People's Con- the developed countries should help pay for cleaner coal-burning technologies in the Third World, as well as helping to For many Chinese, the question of finance expensive hydroelectric projects, whether the rest of the world will accom-nuclear power stations and such alternative

China is working with the World Bank, projections, profound concerns about the political leaders have been unwilling to Japan and the U.S. Department of Energy potential impact of global climate change enter serious negotiations about emissions. to fund projects that could improve the "China has not recognized that they are efficiency of power plants and develop

PSYCHICS: Pentagon Stands by 'Remote Viewers'

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proposal will be received in was worthwhile. "There is con-Congress, where a handful of vincing evidence of a real phelawmakers, such as Senator oomenon bere," she said. Claiborne Pell, Democrat of Rhode Island, who find the topic fascinating have long demanded that the military keep investi-gating paranormal phenomena.

Mr. Hyman and his co-author, Jessica Utts, a University of California statistician, said periments largely consisted of for PLO terrorists in 1989, they disagreed about the like-asking a "viewer" it one room. The U.S. Coast Guard as of California statistician, said a bogus scientific effect. Ms. photographs being displayed in carrying drugs off the coasts of to help protect the gorillas in this period of crisis," she said.

Stanford Research Institute. correct "target" photograph. which has performed work for While the viewers on average that the intelligence community should have no part of such work. It is not clear how the work. It is not clear how the scientific research effort work. It is not clear how the scientific research effort work. It is not clear how the scientific research effort work. It is not clear how the scientific research effort work and the scientific research effort would be expected to pick correctly 25 percent of the time, in some studies their success rate will meet here Thursday to plan. was 30 percent.

The ageocy's summary in-But Mr. Hyman noted that the operational side of the program in central Africa. experiments conducted by the were beseeched by the agency Defense Intelligence Agency to divine the purpose of Soviet were graded solely by its of- radar at Dushanbe. Tajikistan, ficials and that independent ex- in 1987, and by the Joint Staff to perts had not replicated some of identify the function of a susthe key results. He said the ex- pected Libyan training facility

The U.S. Coast Guard asked lihood that remote viewing was to concentrate on a set of four them to find ships suspected of

Crisis for Gorillas Will Be Studied

Reuters

better conservation methods after a year of crisis in which at ... dicates that the psychics in the least eight primates were killed

> Four gorillas were speared in Uganda in March and then four more killed in Zaire in August-September." said Annette Lanjouw, regional coordinator of the International Gorilla Conservation Program. 'Very little attention has been paid on what is being done.

INTERNATIONAL

Africans Vow to Help Hutu to Go Home

But Can Accord End Crisis?

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

CAIRO - Leaders of four Central African nations agreed Wednesday on confidencebuilding and security measures reprisals if they go home. aimed at hastening the return home of 2 million refugees dis-placed by the ethnic bloodletting last year in Rwanda.

It was far from clear, howhas resisted every effort at in- protect the refugees if they reternational mediation while turn. raising fears of renewed blood-shed and turmoil.

representative of Tanzania met

New York Times Service UNITED NATIONS, New York - An international trust fund set up in 1991 to help the victims of the 1986 Chernobyl ouclear accident is out of money, while effects of the explosioo continue to threaten millions of people and their environment, according to a se-

nior United Nations official. Thyroid cancers, many now being diagnosed in children, are 285 times more prevalent in Belarus than before the accident, said Peter Hansen, undersecretary general for humanitarian

Illnesses of all kinds are up 30 percent above normal in contaminated areas of Ukraine, he added, and the incidence of depression, divorce and alcoholism is still rising throughout

About 375,000 people in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine remain displaced and often homeless — equivalent to oumbers dislocated in Rwanda by the fighting there, Mr. Hansen said. About 9 million people have been affected in some way.

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former U.S. president, Jimmy Carter, in an effort to map a coordinated plan for the refugees, from Rwanda's majority Hutu ethnic group, who fear they will be killed in ethnic

The plan is aimed at curbing the influence of Hutu extremists who have been using refugee camps in Zaire, Uganda and Burundi as a base from ever, that the pledge by leaders of Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda would translate into a country's Tutsi misolution for a crisis that so far nority. Rwanda has pledged to

Among other things, Mr. Carter said, Zaire has pledged to round up Huru suspected of using threats to keep the chernobyl Fund

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New York Times Service.

Using threats to keep the refugees in their camps; radio to whip up ethnic hatreds will be located and closed; and, perhaps most important, he will appeal to the United Nations to extend the mandate of peace-keeping troops who had been due to leave Rwanda next month.

The meeting with Mr. Carter brought together Presidents Sylvestre Ntibantunganya of Burundi, Pasteur Bizimumgu of Rwanda, Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

The crisis has its roots in the genocidal campaign last year by Hum extremists against Rwanda's Tutsi minority that killed an estimated 500,000 to 1 million people. After the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front defeated Rwanda's Hotu-dominated government, many Hutu fled to neighboring countries, where 2 million remain in UN camps at a cost of \$1 million a day.

The largest group, about 800,000, is in Zaire, whose government has indicated that the refugees are wearing out their welcome. Hutu militias in Zaire have staged regular cross border raids into Rwanda, inviting retaliation by the Rwandan military and causing tension between Rwanda and Zaire.

Mr. Carter laid the blame for that fear on Hutu "intimida-



An Israeli soldier at a military post overlooking Lebanon concentratiog as he armed a 155mm artillery shell.

Hezbollah Warns Of More Rocketing

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BEIRUT — The Hezbollah guerrilla group said Wednesday that it would bombard northern Israel with Katyusha rockets as long as Israeli forces shelled south Lebanon.

"The firing of Katyusha rockets has led to great success,' said Hajj Hussein Khalil, Hezbollah's deputy chief for political affairs. "Each time there is an anempt or design to target our people and villages we will have to bombard the settlements." Hezbollah fired rockets into

northern Israel on Tuesday, damaging huildings and wounding several persons. Hours after Mr. Khalil's remarks, Israeli Air Force jets

rocketed guerrilla outposts in the hills in southeast Lebanon, killing a guerrilla and wounding two, security sources said. The heating up of the last acove Arab-Israeli battlefroot

has upset attempts to find a new diplomatic opening between Syria and Israel.

of Israel, who took over after

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated Nov. 4, warned Tuesday that he held Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, responsible for

Hezbollah activity.

But Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon said it was impossible to blame Syria or Lebanese guerrillas.

"It is not the first time Israel hlames Syria for what is hap-pening," he told members of the Lebanese Publishers' Union.

"The solution is an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territories," Mr. Hariri added.

In northern Israel, about 250,000 Israelis emerged from bomh shelters Wednesday. The Israeli Army announced that workplaces and schools would be open, but urged residents not to stray far from shelters. The timing of the attack baf-

fled Israeli officials, who called it a violation of U.S.-brokered understandings reached with Syria more than two years ago. But the army radio reported that Mr. Peres rejected a demand by several cabinet min-Prime Minister Shimon Peres isters for an immediate, large-

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EDITORIALS/OPINION

Enforce the Peace

It is true that President Bill Clinton is asking Congress to approve a Bosnia deployment that he has the formal powers to order without asking. Not just for his own evident political advantage and protection, however, Mr. Clinton is making a strong appeal. American policy in Bosnia will have far greater credibility. among allies and possible adversaries alike, if it is seen to have broad domestic and especially congressional support.

Four years into the Bosnian war, an argument continues about how deeply American interests are involved in the outcome. But undeniably the parties' commitment to a peace accord gives the United States a fresh opening to make a difference at acceptable cost. This was the president's principal theme in his address to the nation Monday night. The addition of 20,000 Americans to a European force twice that size would enable Washington to implement a peace made possible in the first instance by American airpower, diplomacy and alliance leadership. The parties' self-interest in the accord, NA-TO's preponderance of power and the hitquick-and-hard "rules of engagement" would seem to reasonably limit casualties

for the planned yearlong mission. Not that there is room for any easy confidence. The searing grievances felt by the survivors cannot fail to translate into some measure of violence and a very tough challenge to the hoped-for controlled evolution from clan war to cooperative political society. The accord's constitutional and territorial terms represent uneasy compromises and are vulnerable to the parties' political and military defiance. Of particular, largely unremarked concern is how to implement the ambitious feature of the accord bold-

ing out the right of return to their bomes with either restoration of property or compensatioo — to Bosnia's 2.8 million refugees (more than half the population). When you try to visualize exactly how this process would work, you come up either blank or with scenarios that are likely to be far from peaceful.

These are heavy concerns, and there are many gaps in both knowledge of how the plan would work and details of policy for proceeding that need to addressed. Members of Congress are not wrong to say that they need to know more - and so does the public - than what is yet on the record. This cannot be in any respect a makeshift or burry-up affair. The fine print must be worked over.

Still, it seems to us that it can be worked out by administration good faith and that the obstacles and worries do oot necessarily amount to reasons to back off peace enforcement. A spokesperson for the House Republican freshmen, Sue Myrick, said, oo doubt truly: "There is nothing the president can say that will change my mind." In the Senate, though, the Repoblicans have been readier to listeo and, fairly, to elicit from the president a fuller explanation of his policy. We think that Mr. Clinton has oow takeo a strong position and Monday night ar-

Finally in loog-suffering Bosnia there is an opportunity at least to ameliorate a horrific situatioo. It should be taken. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Chance for Algerians

Elections do make a difference, even when flawed, and can open the way to a political resolution of bitter civil conflict. This might well be the case in Algeria, wbose military rulers a few weeks ago permitted the first pluralist presidential vote since independence in 1962. Three of every four eligible voters turned out, defying boycott calls by Islamic militants. They elected Liamine Zeroual, a former general who was appointed head of state by the army in 1994. At his inauguration on Monday, be promised more elections and called for a "national dialogue," an offer that some Islamic opponents suggested they could oot reasonably refuse.

All this has infuriated hard-liners in the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front, as evidenced by the assassination on Monday in Algiers of General Mohammed Boutighane, commander of the Coast Guard. The killing followed a factional split within the front that developed when ooe of its leaders expressed willingness to negotiate with Mr. Zeroual. The split,

as well as the voter turnout, speaks to a widespread yearning to end an armed struggle that has claimed as many as

The civil strife began in 1992 wheo the ruling generals canceled elections. The Islamic forces retaliated with a terror campaign. When France appeared to coddle the Algerian military, Islamic extremists took their war to the streets and subways of Paris this summer. Algeria then moved tentatively toward a political settlement by calling an election in which Islamic opposition parties could take part, although not the Salvation Froot.

For all its flaws, the vote has nurtured the bope for an effective and stable government, Regrettably, Mr. Zeroual in his inaugural address could not bring himself to talk about the Islamic Salvation Front, referring instead to militants as "misled Algerian youth." But his election has obviously made a difference and opened the way to ending the camage.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Debate Foreign Aid

Washington needed a debate on foreign aid, but it did not oeed the particular debate it got. It occided first a debate on what changes could and should be made in the organization of foreign relations now that the Cold War is over. What it got was the battle of the bureaucracies provoked by Senator Jesse Helms's proposal to fold the aid agency (plus the arms control and information agencies) into the State Department, a proposal that had already been recommended and subsequently quashed within the administration itself. This grand turf struggle was intensified by

budget-balancing imperatives.
It is tou bad that Senator Helms has shown so much interest in bureaucratic consolidation and so little in the importance of foreign aid as an instrument of foreign policy. That leaves Congress evading a role in addressing the hard questions that its budget strictures have forced. Although he wears the mantle of a congressional majority. Mr. Helms still acts the lone oppositionist. His blackmail holds on nominations and treaties are a guer-

rilla's way of conducting public business. A president gearing up early in his term might have captured the initiative in a reorganization campaign. This is not what

President Bill Clinton did. He paused, and Mr. Helms zoomed in. Now the State Department, represented on the Hill by Senator John Kerry, is playing catch-up. The negotiation between Mr. Helms and Mr. Kerry is concerned with consolidation of administrative services — a squeeze that budget balancing would probably have required anyway. Because of its large size, its habit of operational independence and its special political vulnerability, the aid agency stands to lose the most from the Helms effort to shrink and

centralize the foreign policy apparatus.

Although we have favored the idea of independence for foreign aid, a foreign policy tool many times reorganized over the decades, no organizational scheme ought to be considered sacred. But of the sundry defects ascribed to foreign aid and to foreign policy generally, few seem to us directly antibutable to the disposition of the boxes and charts. Good programs ably administered - this seems to us what the doctor ordered. For the combatants, the priority ought to be to get back from bureaucratic and budgetary warfare to preserving a necessary operational autonomy for tested foreign aid programs.

Other Comment

Worries About Youth Crime

The latest FBI Uniform Crime Report shows that the overall crime rate fell agaio in America last year. Yet officials are justifiably concerned that [this is] the proverbial calm before the storm. The tempest in this case is a large new generadon of often disaffected, disenfranchised and increasingly well-armed youths. FBI Director Louis J. Freeh said there was little solace to be found in the crime report's numbers, especially wheo communities and families" are factors. they included 23,000 murders last year.

Not only were the overall reductions modest, but the wide presence of violent crime perpetrated by an "increasingly

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

growing and violent juvenile popula-tion" was cause for fear.
Since 1989, U.S. gun homicides among those under 18 have increased by a staggering 143 percent. Clearly the rising number of violence-prone youngsters, the wide availability of firearms and what Mr. Freeh called the deteri-

- Los Angeles Times.



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Hope Arrives for Bosnians, and Clinton Takes Over

WASHINGTON — Strategically, President Clinton's speech on Bosnia Monday night was firm and clear, sufficient to win public and coogressional support for the mission he outlined. But it was the political artistry and human dra-

ma that made the address memorable. Bill Clinton did not come to office expecting that he would one day risk his presidency on settling the brutal little war in Bosnia. But circumstances have forced him into doing just that - and getting the American people to go along.

Mr. Clintoo had to explain both his past

tentativeness and his current boldness on Bosnia, and he did a good oratorical job of folding the former into the latter. He did not have the luxury of the stark "This will oot stand" declarations that George Busb made about the invasion of Kuwait. Instead he offered a Clinton doctrine for U.S. intervention abroad as a frankly sometimes kind of thing:

We cannot stop war for all time but we can stop some wars. We cannot save all women and all children, but we can save many of them. We can't do everything, but we must do what we can.

Those well-marshaled cadences led into Mr. Clinton's explanation of why Bosnia oow: Uoder economic sanctions and NA- By Jim Hoagland

TO bombing the Serbs finally became willing to make a peace that U.S. troops

could help keep without entering a war.

He swept aside the twists of fate (and his own policy) that produced a largely unexpected peace agreement in Dayton with a masterful declaration of personal responsibility for the American troops who will be shifted from Germany to Bosnia; "I assume full responsibility for any harm that may come to them ... Anyone - anyone - who takes on our troops will suffer the consequences. We will

fight fire with fire - and then some." That passage gives the Republican leadership of Congress a free pass on the troop deployment. There is no percentage for Bob Dole or Newt Gingrich to fight Mr. Clinton on this issue now. And his speech gives the American public an image of presidential leadership on foreign policy

that has been lacking.

That image will be reinforced by the president's trip this week to Ireland and Spain — and then to Germany to visit U.S. units due to go to Bosnia.

As things stand now, Mr. Clinton plans to return to Paris in mid-December for the

formal signing of the Bosnia peace treaty
— if the treaty holds, if the U.S. budget battle permits and if a diplomaoc tussle betweeo Washington and Paris over the conference can be resolved.

The United States sees the Paris ceremony as a formal signing of the documents initialed in Dayton. France wants to make it a substantive negotiating meeting, in which the Bosnian agreement becomes part of a broader European security pact. U.S. officials say Washington is unalterably opposed to any reopening of the Dayton accord.

The tussle over the purpose of the Paris conference adds to strains between Washington and Paris that developed during the Dayton negotiations.

French representative Jacques Blot complained repeatedly and hitterly that the leader of the U.S. delegation, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, was "bullying" the Europeans into accepting a made-in-America peace. More importantly, Britain and France tangled at the end of the Dayton negotiations over which would host the final conference on Bosnia, with Britain accusing France of not honoring its promises on the subject.

Bruised feelings among allies were in fact a major result of a conference driveo

primarily by the need to preserve the unity of NATO, which was being split apart by differing European and American amtudes over the Bosnian conflict.

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Mr. Clinton correctly emphasized on Monday that a collapse of NATO would be a disaster for American leadership in world affairs. It was his concern about NATO that forged the chain of events that led him to give the Bosnia speech he thought he would never have to give.

In late 1994, in an almost offhand manner, the president agreed to commit U.S. troops to help evacuate NATO-member troops from Bosnia. When the evacuation became a real possibility last summer, be had little choice but to authorize one last serious diplomatic effort that was backed up by strategic NATO bombing. The unexpected result was Dayton.

Mr. Clinton is far too skilled a political leader to let history seem that accidental. That is the ultimate importance of his speech Monday night. By taking responsibility in such unequivocal terms, he has moved to take control of the evenis that had forced his hand. This is a speech that he will want to reread frequently to himself, to keep his course fixed, in the difficult months to come.

The Washington Post.

A Convincing Case for the Why, but What About the How?

By Thomas L. Friedman

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — In his speecb Monday night, Bill Clinton needed to accomplish two things. One was to explain wby the United States has to send 20,000 troops to implement the peace in Bosnia, and the other was to explain how American goals there can be accomplished with a limited U.S. military involvement. He certainly made a strong case for the why, but he left the how disturbingly unclear.

As far as the why goes, it is hard to dispute President Clinton's argument. By backing up a Balkan peace agreement that the United States itself negotiated, it will be bringing a halt to the cycle of killing and rape, giving the combatants a chance to reconcile, stabilizing Central Europe and assuming the role that an American superpower should assume. which is to lead at a moment when it and it alone can "make the difference for peace."

Whatever he thought about

stakes oow, and to walk away would be a disaster. He said the role of U.S. troops

when they go in will be to make sure that each side withdraws its forces behind the front lines, and then maintain the cease-fire. This, he argued, will create a secure environment in which elections are to be held and in which programs for reconstructioo can begin. He said that "this mission should and will take about one year,"

Sounds reasonable. Just one question: How? Not bow are U.S. troops going to accomplish the above missions, but how are they going to accomplish those missions within one year and then withdraw without the whole situatioo collapsing? There was no exit strategy in that speech.

Is the Clinton plan to give Bosnia a one-year chance at peace Bosnia in the past, the president and the exit strategy to withdraw

seemed to say, these are the in 12 months, whether or not the parties really have reconciled? Is the plan to keep troops in Bosnia until the basic political provisions of the peace accord have been achieved — holding free elections, establishing a federal government and returning refugees and hope that all this can be accomplished in one year?

Is the plan to give peace a chance, but to arm and train the Muslims so that there will at least be a stable balance of power after one year, so Americans can leave and realistically hope that the peace holds together? Or is the plan to stay in Bosnia for a year. maintain the cease-fire, do the best one can to achieve the political objectives and then let the Europeans remain there and hold the cease-fire together? What constitutes winning in Bosnia?

Not only was there no clear exit strategy in that speech, but it got very fuzzy whenever the

president came to those issues that could involve U.S. troops in something more than limited peacekeeping — in peacemakiog and natiou-building — such as when he discussed how to get the Serbs and Croats to disarm while rearming the Muslims, or when he discussed America's commitment to seeing Bosnia preserved as a single state.

In fairness, the president should not be held to unrealistic goals. A stable cease-fire that prevents further killing and gives people a decent chance to rebuild their lives is probably the best to bope for. It is also achievable.

The two big parties to the war, Croatia and Serbia, have what they want, which is their own slices of Bosnia. Now they have an interest in consolidating their gains with peace, It is the Muslims who have suffered the most and come out with the least, but they are also in the weakest position to derail this de facto partition.

It is precisely because the

three parties will have different ideas of what America's longterm plan for Bosnia should be and how Americans should achieve it before they leave that the United States needs to be clear with itself going in.

Mr. Clinton's speech soared at times, but it was not his best. There was something missing. some level of self-confidence. Was it because in the back of his mind the president knows that he has an exit date for Bosnia but not an exit strategy?

Then again, maybe he has a strategy but for diplomatic reasons cannot lay it on the table now. Or maybe he is confident that it will evolve as things go along. To some degree, any mission like this is a shake of the dice, and not everything can be specified from the get-go. But you sure increase the odds of winning if you at least start with a clear idea of how you will know when you have won.

The New York Times.

Forget the Monarchs and Make Do With Workaday Politicians

WASHINGTON — When the antics and confessions behave. Here is a crowd -Charles, Di. Fergie, Randy Andy and the rest - who are paid gobs of mooey by British taxpayers to be symbols of, well, something, and they can't even pull that off.
What is the world coming to?

When it comes to such regrets, count me out. The world should be grateful to this Windsor lot for proving what Americans' forebears understood long ago. Republics are better than monarchies. Monarchism and its philosophical ally, aristocracy, are dead ideas that deserve to stay dead.

Give that 18th century pundit, Tom Paine, credit for calling this one right. "For all men being orig-inally equal," be wrote in "Com-mon Sense," "no one by birth

of Charles and Di are not pro- could have a right to set his own Hapsburg empire. But the truth is is not how royalty is supposed to self might deserve some degree of honors of his contemporaries, yet his descendants might be far too unworthy to inherit them."

And here is the clincher: "One

of the strongest natural proofs of the folly of bereditary right in kings is that nature disapproves of it. Otherwise, she would oot so frequently turn it into ridicule." And here Paine used some particularly colorful language — this is a family oewspaper - to suggest that the linear successors of even great monarchs proved as

embarrassing to their families as to those who were forced to live under their rule.
You would think this a settled issue. Not even Pat Buchanan is lobbying for hereditary monarchy,

even if he is a little soft on the old

voking gales of laughter, they call family in perpetual preference to more complicated. Monarchical forth a certain earnest regret. This all others forever, and though him- and aristocratic yearnings lie just idea of personalizing those sym-important: that free citizens under the surface in many of the democracies as voters translate their impatience with politicians as a group into a wish for something resembling "a better class of peo-

ple" to run things.

If you want to be a real republican (that's small-r, and can be defined bere as the opposite of a monarchist), you doo't have to love politicians, but you do need to respect their craft. Politicians are what you get when you toss out the kings and the princes.

The best defense of the British royals was that constitutional monarchy neatly parceled out the responsibilities of state. The monarch and his or her family provided the nation with the symbolic unity it needed. The argument went something like this:

beyond their loyalty to the gov- without kings or queens. ernment of the day. They like the pathies, of baving a particular figure who embodies them. If people have such yearnings, far better that the symbol he a powerless monarch than a power-hungry politician or would-be dictator.

I confess to having seen a logic to this argument when I lived in Britain during Richard Nixon's fall in Watergate. The American president, it seemed, carried too much freight. He was given the job of being both the symbol of the nation and the head politician who was necessarily engaged in the grubby business of getting things done and getting re-elected. No-body could do both jobs effectively. One of the attractive things about British politics was its refusal to pretend too much about the

qualities of politicians. With the Queen carrying the totemic burdens, oo one could conceive of depositing his deepest lougings in the persons of Harold Wilsoo or Edward Heath, then the country's two leading politicians. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Heath were treated like politicians and no more, which seemed a fine democratic sentiment.

But there were two deep flaws in this argument. The practical flaw is that other democracies effectively split the jobs of president and prime minister. A democratically chosen president can carry the symbolic duties as effectively as a monarch, and a democratically chosen prime minister can worry about the real decisions. Israel has such a sys-

Citizens have certain natural tem, as do postwar Italy and Gerpatriotic sympathies that go well many. They have done just fine

But the second issue is more should neither need nor want hereditary or even personalized symbols of unity. Monarchies were junked precisely because people traded their faith in symbols for a confidence that, for better or worse, they could (and ought to) rule themselves.
They could live with the fact

that those they chose to run their governments would always be less than perfect, and that the task of self-government itself would always be contentious, thereby requiring a class of people (politicians) willing to accept that they would be frequently vilified and never deified. Far better this than the pretense

that there exist individuals who are "born to rule" and that it is possible for leaders to be "above politics" or "outside the fray." Human leaders, no matter how gifted or ethical, ought never be believed when they make such a claim.

Imagine a poliocian saying now what James I told Parliament in 1609: "The state of monarchy is the supremest thing upon the earth; for kings are not only God's lieutenants upon the earth and sit upon God's throne, but even by God himself, they are called Gods." On his very worst days, Newt Girgrich would never say such a thing. That is the mark of progress.

Let us lift a glass to the House of Windsor for finishing the job started by Washington, Jefferson and Tom Paine. God save Citizen Charles and Citizen Di.

The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Hooted Off Stage PARIS - Mile. Duclerc, a mu-

sic-hall singer of extremely risky songs, created a public scandal yesterday [Nov. 29]. She was invited to take part in the matinée given at the Châtelet Theatre and was set down to sing two songs. When the singer appeared, the songs proved to be of so grossly indeceot a character that the audience, which was largely composed of ladies with their families, waxed indignant and finally hissed and hooted Mlle. Duclerc off the stage. The demonstration was approved by all present.

1920: Cotton Prices Fall

CAIRO - In a statement issued by the Government it is pointed out that the prices of Egyptian cotton have suffered an abnormal fall and that America, which last year pur-chased one-third of the Egyptian crop, is now taking only insignif-icant quantities, which fact is ex-

ercising a very depressing effect on values. The statement further remarks that present prices will leave a substantial profit to the cultivator who works his own land. but the cultivator who is renting on the basis of last year's prices will be faced with a heavy loss. This will have a most injurious effect on the well-being and tranquility of the agricultural population.

1945: Tito's Republic LONDON - Yugoslavia abol-

ished the monarchy and became a Federated Republic today [Nov. 29]. Belgrade radio reported. The action was taken through Constituent Assembly approval of a proclamation read by Marshal Tito. As quoted by Exchange Telegraph, the radio said the United States, British and Russian Ambassadors attended the legislative session. Thousands of Belgrade citizens demonstrated in the streets, haiting Marshal Tito and the young Republic.

Not Gambling but Fun for Families **By Robert Goodman**

WASHINGTON — Across America, gambling casioos are being proposed as a mag-ic bullet for a host of economic problems. Promoters promise to bail out Chicago's overbuilt hotel business; substitute for devastated steel factories in Gary, Indiana; counterbalance the effects of declining oil prices in Louisiana; replace vanishing jobs in Connecticut's defense industry; provide work for idle

New England fishermen. The amount of money and people involved in legalized gambling is startling. From 1988 to 1994, total yearly reveoues in casinos alooe nearly doubled, from \$8 billion to about \$15 billion. Casinos are now operating in 23 states and under consideratioo in many others. Legal gambling in all forms (including casinos, lotteries, parimutuel racing and government-promoted ventures) now generates about

\$40 billion a year. Gambling is rapidly becoming a new national political issue, dividing both parties. For Republicans, the issue pits major campaign contributors from the gaming industry against the party's "traditional values" activists. Democrats are split between gambling interests and the party's loyalists in poor neighborhoods, such as black ministers, who fear the effects of gambling on the poor.
Senators Paul Simon, Demo-

crat of Illinois, and Richard Lu-

gar, Republican of Indiana, and Representative Frank Wolf, Re-

publican of Virginia, have re-cently introduced bills to create a national commission to study the effects of gambling prolif-eration. President Bill Clinton has endorsed the idea. A major campaign to defeat

this legislation has been launched by the gambling industry's lobbying wing, the American Gaming Association. By focusing its public relations campaign on how much fun it is to play, the industry has been able to avoid discussion of how much people lose, how the rise in gambling opportunities encourages addictive behavior and bow

it creates enormous costs for the For the promoters, the word "gambling" doesn't exist. In the language of their gamblebabble, they call it "gaming" and they call those members of the public who win and lose money in their establishments "players," never gamblers. Put a theme park next to the casino and the casino becomes a "fam-

ily entertainment center." The public costs of gambling show up in many ways. Consumer spending is diverted into gambling from restaurants, movie theaters, sports venues, bowling alleys, clothing stores and other local businesses, while police departments, courts and prison systems find themselves dealing with the criminal activity of addicted

bills and taxes, write bad checks, embezzle money and commit fraud. A recent Wisconsin Policy

Research Institute report coocluded that the costs of compulsive gamblers in that state were running at more than \$160 milliou a year.

Even more disturbing than the financial costs are the burnan tragedies. State and local governments are creating a climate in which many ordinary people are being drawn into criminal activities that destroy their lives. Durand F. Jacobs, a professor of psychiatry at California's Loma Linda University, found that most of the people who commit crimes to support their compulsive gambling had no prior criminal records.

Jeffrey Bloomberg, a South Dakota state's attorney, bas described a rise in child abuse and neglect cases, including children left in cars all night while their parents gambled, and families without groceries because they had gambled away their paychecks.

If the gambling industry really believes it is just promoting an innocent form of family entertainment, why is it afraid of a national commission to study the impact of gambling?

The writer is author of "The Luck Business: The Devastating Consequences and Broken Promises of America's Gambling Explosion." He contributed this comment to The Washgamblers who don't pay their ington Post.

OPINION/LETTERS

When a Liberal Doesn't Know Which Label Really Fits

WASHINGTON — It's annoying to be called a conservative when you aren't. That has been my fate in recent months, mainly because I agree with Republicans that government shouldn't spend more money than it raises.

But, in fact, I am a liberal - or I would be a liberal if that perfectly good word had not been hijacked by people who could be more properly described as socialists, social democrats or progressives.

Up until a few decades ago, a liberal was someone who believed fiercely in personal and economic freedom and a constricted role for government. On the contrary, most liberals today believe that, through taxes and regulations, government is the most effective way to improve economy and society.

Unfortunately, people whose political philosophy is similar to mine no longer have a good word to describe themselves. Coo-servative isn't it. Libertarian? Maybe, but that's an awkward, made-up word with crankish connotations.

Friedrich August Hayek, an Austrian economist and psychologist who is something of a saint to many on the right, understood the problem back in 1960, when be wrote an essay titled "Why I Am Not a Conservative.

He opposed conservatism for reasons that resonate today. He said, for instance, that moral and religious ideals are not "proper objects of coercion." And he worried about conservatism's 'hostility to internationalism [free trade, immigration, the United Nations] and its proneness to a strident nationalism."

By James K. Glassman

But Mr. Hayek made a more subtle - and more important — argument. He began by defining conservatism's main function as "opposition to drastic change." That's a good description of the mission of most Republicans in the U.S. Congress, including the House speaker, Newt Gingrich - though

he's ofteo depicted as a revolutionary. The main instrument of Republican policy is the budget, and look what it's trying to do: roll back the increases in Medicare spending from 10 percent to 6 percent annually, collect \$11.2 trillion in taxes over the next seven years instead of the \$11.4 trillion desired by the Democrats and so on. In all, Republicans want to raise tax revenues 5 percent a year and spending 3 percent a year. The ideal for Democrats is raising revenues 5.5 percent and spending 4 percent — not much difference.

This budget perfectly illustrates what Mr. Hayek calls his "decisive objection" to conservatism: "By its very nature, [conservarism] cannot offer an alternative to the direction in which we are moving. It may succeed by its resistance to current tendencies in slowing down undesirable developments, but, since it does not indicate another di-

rection, it cannot prevent their continuance. "It has, for this reason, invariably been the fate of conservatism to be dragged along a path not of its own choosing. The tug of war between conservatives and progressives can only affect the speed, oot the direction, of contemporary developments.*

In other words, conservatives can only say:
"Whoa! You're going a little too fast!"That's
not particularly inspirational — which may explain why Mr. Gingrich's movement seems

to be running out of steam. Liberals (and I'll continue to use the word here the way that Mr. Hayek does) look at society in a completely different way. They want tough, simple laws to protect people and property from violence and theft, and a strong military to protect them from foreign threats. But beyond that, classical liberals believe that

- to pursue happiness the way they see it. Luckily, this unfettered pursuit has been shown to promote economic prosperity much better than government planning - but, even if it didn't, true liberals would place personal freedom far above other values

individuals should be left to their own devices

One reason is that personal freedom promotes other values. Good examples are thrift, charity and family obligations, which have eroded in the United States as the govern-ment has taken more responsibility for cit-

Conservatives espouse such values, too, but they have a hard time living with others who don't. The reason, says Mr. Hayek, is that they neglect the first principle of liberalism — that everyone should be free to pursue his own happiness - which in turn means that "we agree to tolerate much that

As Mr. Hayek puts it, "For a liberal the importance he personally attaches to specific goals is no sufficient justification for forcing others to serve them.

moralists to swallow. It also means that goverament must jettison policy prerogatives cherished by Republicans and Democrats alike. For instance, the government should not subsidize agriculture or home ownership or scientific research by corporations. It should not run railroads or power plants:

it should not promote fuel made from corn, rebuild downtowns, fund art projects or own 50 percent of land in the West. It should oot redistribute income (though it should provide short-term help for the indigent). It should not operate a retirement or health care system.

The goals may be worthy, but they can be achieved just as well by individuals, alone or organized voluntarily. For the government to meet such ends, it has to abridge personal freedom by taking money away from people

who may disagree.

And the sums have become enormous. The median married couple (earning \$53,000) currently devotes 40 percent of its income to federal, state and local taxes, according to the Tax Foundation.

But simply scaling that figure back to 37 or 38 percent isn't enough. What believers in classical liberalism must do is clearly delineate the limited realm of government from the expansive realm of free individuals and glorify the latter.

This is a position, writes Mr. Havek, that's based on courage and confidence, on a preparedness to let change run its course eveo if we cannot predict where it will lead." Is this conservarism? Not on your life.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Embarrassing Display

mut the How?

Regarding "EU Absorbs Embarrassing Lessons in Bosnia According (Nov. 23):

I am a German living in France. I am outraged and ashamed by the lame and lamentable excuses made by Klans Kinkel and Hervé de Charette for the unbelievable behavior of Europe's governments during the Yugoslav war. Nearly everything that had to be done was done by America while Europe

belplessly stood by. What an embarrassing and frightening display of incompetence to solve our own European problems

HELGA KUHN.

Poland's Vote

this was!

Regarding "Citizen Walesa Has a Role as a Necessary Political Troublemaker" (Opinion, Nov. 23):

One must not forget that a vote for

Fifty years ago, the Communists provided a great service to Poland by ridding it of the Nazi occupation. Problem was, they outstayed their welcome by about 45 years. While the church (and Lecb Walesa) certainly deserve a standing ovation for their role in destroying Communism in Poland, the voters decided that five years was more than enough of

their politics. Soon, the church will learn what the Tatars, Teutonic Knights, Turks. Swedes, Germans and Russians have all painfully learned - that Poland will ultimately be ruled only by Poland.

JOHN KROTZER. Warsaw.

Spanish Outrage

Regarding "Spaniards' Outrage Points Up a Moral Sense Missing Elsewhere," by William Pfaff (Opinion, Nov. 21):

Outraged public reaction to the murder of Basque terrorist leaders outrage. Alexander Kwasniewskei was a and activists by the Spanish govvote against the Catholic Church. emment indeed suggests ."that

Spain today is a society with moral expectations of its leaders rather higher than in most countries."

Spain has enjoyed democratic government for only 18 years, and the public has not become as weary or cynical as the public in longestablished democracies.

There is, however, a less exalted reason for the outrage as expressed in much of the Spanish media.

When the actions were occurring in the mid-1980s, with all knowledgeable persons realizing that irregular police practices were involved, many members of the media were congratulating the government on its successes in the anti-terrorism struggle.

The same media members oow seek to discredit Prime Minister Felipe González and the Socialists by every possible means.

This is a case of muckraking journalists exploiting the moral expectations of a population that has not become too cynical to express moral

GABRIEL JACKSON.

There certainly is a "moral sense missing" in William Pfaff's article about the murder of people living in France by death squads organized militaristic again, " by the Spanish government in the

mid-1980s. The article suggests, first, that every government engages in such activity, which may be true but hardly justifies the implication that it should be condoned, and second, that those who were killed got what

they deserved. The purpose of the death squads was oot to eliminate specific individuals but to sow terror in southern France in order to pressure the French government into cracking

down on Basque dissidents. WILLIAM MYERS.

U.S. in Japan

Regarding "Why Keep U.S. Forces in Japan?" (Opinion, Nov.

The writer uses the heinous rape on Okinawa as an occasion to call for the withdrawal of U.S. forces

from Japan, which the Pentagon believes prevent Japan from becoming polarized, unstable and perhaps

But U.S. forces are not in Japan to stabilize the country. They are there to stabilize a potentially unstable region, a view universally beld by the leaders of East Asia today.

North Korea aside, oo East Asian nation asks that the United States withdraw its forces, quite the

What has been gained while U.S. forces bave been in East Asia? The record is clear; decades of regional stability, a sine qua non for the Asian economic miracle; the steady accumulation of capital there, much of it invested outside the region; the absence of a major arms race, including a nuclear one.

Seeking a more mature U.S.-Japanese security relationship is much overdue. Withdrawing the tangible expression of the American commitment to a stable East Asia is a lousy departure point. BRADFORD DISMUKES.

La Mone, France,

Perpetual Youth in a Pill? A Hard-to-Swallow Idea

By M. G. Lord

lag and insomnia. A natural substance that regulates

the body's time clock, melatonin, says Newsweek, is "the all-natural

Ordinarily I would ignore such

MEANWHILE

hype, but I couldn't believe the

change in my friend. A world-weary, gravel-voiced novelist in her fifth decade who juggles three jobs and writes fiction at night, she has never appeared especially perky. Yet after taking melatonin for on-

ly one week, she said she felt "refreshed, energetic, in harmony with

And she did, in fact, beam with the wide-eyed glow of a young Mary Tyler Moore.

A chronic insomniac myself, I ran to the health food store and spent SI1.75 on 120 three-milligram capsules, one of which I swallowed at bedtime. I yearned to wake up freshfaced and rejuvenated, without the muss and fuss of surgery or costly applications of Retin-A.

But 10 percent of melatonin users are impervious to its benefits - and I was apparently one of them. Not only did I writhe and twitch until 4 A.M., but when I finally dropped

off, it was into a nightmare. I dreamed that the MacDowell artists* colony, which I had recently visited, had been transformed into a Swedish prison camp. Forced to spend whole days in darkness, its inmates shuffled around in baggy gray pajamas stenciled with their Social Security oumbers.

Theo I remembered: Insomnia has much to recommend it. Many great men - Vladimir Nabokov, Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln hit upon history-making ideas

while pacing around at night. "Sleep is the most moronic fraternity in the world," Nabokov wrote in his autobiography, "It is a mental torture I find debasing."

"I simply cannot get used to the nightly betrayal of reason, humanity, genius," cootinued the Russian writer. "No matter bow great my weariness, the wrench of parting with consciousness is unspeakably repulsive to me."

The pursuit of sleep is even more degraded when combined with the

TEW YORK — The other day, a quest for eternal youth — the other friend bombarded me with a component of the melatonin craze. sales puch for melatonin, the magical hormone supplement that is suddenly everywhere — hailed in a what good would it do? It might best-selling book and countless ar-nake you live longer and look ticles as a hazard-free antidote to jet younger, but you'd just squander those extra years sleeping.

The more I read about melatonin. the more its popularity baffled me.

Melatonin is called the magical hormone, a cure for insomnia and the ravages of time. But this writer still couldn't sleep.

Finally I asked John Meyer, a friend who is the director of pharmacy and medical education at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital in New York City, to tell me what the hormone

actually does. Among other things, he said, "it lowers the body temperature by a few fractions of a degree," and pointed out that some people sleep better during the winter or in air-conditioned rooms.

Could the anti-aging effect be linked to cold? Refrigeration, after

all, preserves food. This reminded me of a folk remedy that I once read about. It involves taking a bath before bedrime, then climbing under the covers while still wet.

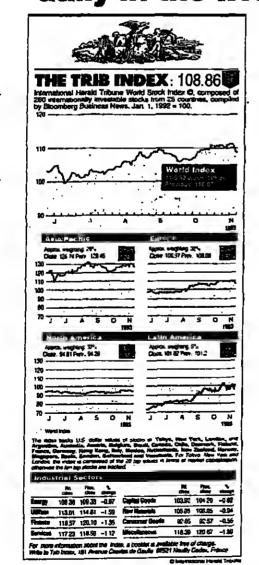
True, your sheets get a bit clammy, but — the thenry goes — you deplete so much energy warming up that you promptly conk out. I tried it once, and it worked per-

This technique could become the next big fad in insomnia relief. If, that is, someone can use it to sell something - say, terry-cloth

The writer, the outhor of "Forever Barbie: The Unauthorized Biogro-phy of o Real Doll." contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Air Bags: Caution Required

New York Times Service

ed States since 1987, and 374 last year alone, according to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis. More important, perhaps, just in the terms of numbers, they have prevented many thousands of serious and deforming injuries.

Safety reports that there are 23 percent fewer deaths than expected among drivers involved in head-on and front-angle crasbfewer deaths than expected among drivers involved in head-on and front-angle crasbsmall cars (a 14 percent reduction).

New Jersey conducted by plastic surgeons at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick showed that motorists who used both lap and shoulder belts and drove cars equipped with air bags reduced their risk of serious facial injuries

driver-side air bags, and 15 million also have bags to protect front-seat passengers. All passenger cars manufactured in the U.S. after Sept. 1, 1997, will have to be equipped with air bags for both the driver and front-seat passengers. However, nearly protect occupants in side collisions. all manufacturers are now installing driverside air bags, and many are also adding passenger-side air bags in all new cars, sports utility vehicles and light trucks.

But air bags are not perfect, and neither are the drivers and passengers who ride in cars with air bag protection. Air bags have inflated and injured and even killed pas-

sengers in vehicles involved in nothing Administration advises that sent belts remain more than a fender-bender that in all like- the main source of protection in any kind of lihood would not have injured anyone. For accident, while air bags offer "supplemental EW YORK — Air bags save example, one child died of a broken neck lives: more than 911 in the Unit- caused by an air bag that inflated when his grandmother bumped into a concrete wall

> while parking the car. Those at greatest risk of injury caused by

drives or rides unbelted. Those who sit close The Insurance Institute for Highway to the steering wheel are likely to be struck

es of cars equipped with air bags. The related injury, the overwhelming majority devices are more effective at savings lives of these injuries have been minor. For among those driving large cars (a 30 per-example, a review of 614 injuries pubcent reduction) than among those driving lished earlier this year in the Annals of nall cars (a 14 percent reduction). Emergency Medicine showed that 96 per-A four-year study of 2,300 accidents in cent were minor, 3 percent were classified as moderate and fewer than 1 percent were considered serious.

The industry is currently working fuventable air-bag accidents will not occur.

by 75 percent.

The next generation of air bags, called "smart bags," will employ sensors that can on the road in the U.S. equipped with adjust inflations depending on whether occupants are belted, on their position in their seats, including the distance from the steering wheel or dashboard, and even on their his head with undue force. This child was size and weight. Several companies are also one of about half a dozen-air bag-related considering installing additional air bags to

The occupants of vehicles also need improvement. In a country in which only 40 youngsters might otherwise have survived. percent to 50 percent of drivers and frontseat passengers use lap-shoulder belts and never neglect to fasten the lap-shoulder belt 35 percent of young children ride unrestrained, air bags threaten to induce even further complacency about buckling up.

riously to improve these devices so that owner's manuals stating that babies in rearinappropriate inflations and other pre- facing car seats should not ride in the front

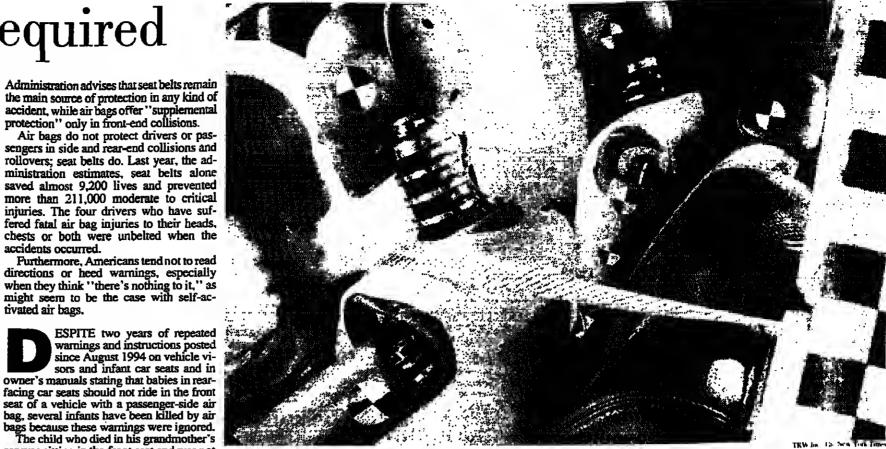
ESPITE two years of repeated warnings and instructions posted since August 1994 on vehicle vi-sors and infant car seats and in seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag, several infants have been killed by air bags because these warnings were ignored.

protection" only in front-end collisions.

accidents occurred.

The child who died in his grandmother's car was sitting in the front seat and was not buckled in, which allowed the air bag to hit fatalities among small children who were riding unbelied in the front seats of vehicles involved in low-speed crashes that the

Even if your vehicle has dual air bags, when driving or riding in the front passenger seat. Infants under 20 pounds (9 kilos) should always be placed in a rear-facing Yet the National Highway Traffic Safety infant seat in the back seat of the vehicle.



To make air bags safer, researchers are using tests like this one to help prevent injuries.

Dangerous Power of Suggestion

By Philip J. Hilts

EW YORK — For years, doctors have recognized the placebo effect in medicine: that patients imthey will. According to papers presented at a conference, the opposite effect may be equally powerful: Patients get sick because they believe they will.

The placebo effect has been studied in hundreds of experiments in medicine, but its negative counterpart has just begun to receive attention, and about two dozen experiments were cited Tuesday at the American Health Foundation meeting in New York.

To distinguish the positive from the negative effects of gist, cited studies describing

fecis and nocebo, or negative as a rash or as serious as death. He noted that although the efplacebo, to refer to the negative effects.

as well as healthy," Dr. Robert A. Hahn of the Federal Centers prove because they believe for Disease Control and Pre-they will. According to papers vention said. "The nocebo phenomenon is a little-recognized facet of culture that may be responsible for a substantial variety of pathology."

In some respects, the nocebo label refers to the phenomenon of psychosomatic illness, But the term does not include effect that any otherwise bealthy person may experi-

Dr. Hahn, a cultural anthropologist and an epidemiolo-

fect of people's mental states "Beliefs can make us sick on the outcome of disease had been studied occasionally, only one study, in 1993, had the necessary controls to eliminate other factors.

That study looked at ischemic heart disease, a shortfound that those patients who had depressive disorders, and thus severely negative thinking, had on average 1.6 times as relieve symptoms, they ended. many episodes of the disease the severity of patient hope-

increase in sickness and death.

belief, the sciennists use the the effects of negative expecterms placebo for positive eftations that could be as minor each year could be attributed to the patients' negative expectations about the disease.

He said another study had shown that when asthmatics inhaled saline solution from a nebulizer their reaction was largely determined by what they had been told: Those told it was inert experienced no symptoms, but 47.5 percent of those age of blood flow to the heart. It told they were inhaling allergens had attacks. When the same patients got the same solution, hut were told it would

The researchers said that behypochondria and refers to an and were 1.5 times as likely to cause the symptoms were trigdie of it. It was also found that gered by patient beliefs did not make them less real or less costlessness was proportional to the ly to the patients, and the possibility that expectations could Dr. Hahn estimated that 5 be a major factor in illness percent of the 26,000 deaths should be taken seriously.

IN BRIEF

Genetic Clue Is Found To Invasive Breast Cancer

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Scientists report that they have discovered a genetic trait in certain breast lesions that may help predict which women are at high risk for later developing invasive breast cancer.

"This is a new and exciting finding but it is still preliminary," Patricia Steeg, a molec-ular biologist at the National Cancer Institute. She is the lead author of a study this week in the journal Nature Medicine.

She and her colleagues studied biopsies of nearly 100 women and found a conpsychiatrists who specialize in the treatnection between the more aggressive lesions and excess activity in a gene known divide. The researchers used elaborate gelarge-scale clinical use. But because sci- ication with psychotherapy. entists already know quite a hit about cycline D, it should be possible to develop a cheaper and easier test based on antibodies, study co-author Dr. David Page, a pathologist at Vanderbilt University, said.

Although these lesions were removed expression" of cycline D were more likely to develop breast cancer later near the site of the original lesion, the scientists found.

Finnish Researchers Link **Pacifiers to Ear Infections**

WASHINGTON (WP) - Children who use pacifiers beyond 10 months of age face a significantly greater risk of ear infections experts say, lies a turf war between psythan those who stop using them, according chiatrists, who are medical doctors, and nonto Funish researchers reporting in the journal Pediatrics.

University of Oulu researchers spent 15 months studying 845 children who attended day-care centers in Finland. They found for treating depressed patients, but over find-that 30 percent of pacifier-using children ing a cure for these disorders." less than 2 years of age developed at least three ear infections a year compared with 21 percent of those who didn't suck on pacifiers. Nearly 31 percent of 2- and 3-yearolds who sucked on pacifiers in this age group had at least three ear infections per year, compared with 13 percent of children

the same age who didn't use pacifiers. The researchers note that sucking on a pacifier "increases the discharge of saliva, which is an important medium for the spread of microbes from person to per-

Pills vs. Psychotherapy

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK — In a challenge to prevailing guidelines in psychi-atry, a study by psychologists, who cannot prescribe medication, contends that psychotherapy works as well as medication for the treatment of depression.

ment of depression and who can prescribe medication — was based on a review of as cycline D, which has a role in how cells dozens of studies involving several thousand depressed patients. The studies sysnetic tests, which would not be practical for tematically compared antidepressant med-

"Despite the conventional wisdom, the data suggest that there is no stronger medicine than psychotherapy in the treatment of depression, even if severe," wrote Dr. David Antonuccio, a psychologist at the University of Nevada School of fessional Psychology: Research and Prac-

But Dr. David Kupfer, a psychiatrist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and a co-author of one of the studies reviewed, said: "I'm mildly incensed by the article. It's a selective review of data to make a point, and may be misleading for patients and their families."

medical psychotherapists, like psychologists and clinical social workers. Dr. Kupfer said, "The war should not be over who's going to collect the few dollars they pay these days

The studies that were reviewed dealt only with patients who suffered from 'unipolar'' depression, not the "bipolar' kind, more commonly known as manicdepression, whose symptoms include periods of elation as well as depression.

Symptoms of unipolar depression include, in addition to feelings of sadness, remorse and bopelessness, loss of appenre, difficulty sleeping and sluggishness. When depression is severe, and particularly when there is a predominance of the physical symptoms, psychiatrists generally assume

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that biological causes are predominant and that a medication is the most appropriate remedy. The standard assumption has also been that both psycbotherapy and medication can work for mild depression.

The article contends that psychotherapy works as well as medication no matter how severe the depression is. Dr. Antonuccio and his colleagues assert that while the weight of scientific evaluations favors trying psy-chotherapy with depressed patients before trying medications, the prevailing practice is just the reverse; medication first.

We're saying the emphasis in treating depression has shifted toward automatically using medications rather than psychotherapy, without any real data to support that shift," said Dr. William Danton, a psychologist at the University of Nevada School of Medicine and a co-author of the article in Professional Psychology.

R. Antonuccio and his colleagues pointed out that medbasis of the clinicians' assessment of how their patients had done, not in evaluations hy the patients themselves. Further, the results may have been skewed in favor of the medication, because the placebo was inert rather than an active drug. Thus, the psychiatrists might have realized which patients were actually getting the medication by the patients' side effects, thus breaking the supposed 'blind" nature of the study.

The study's authors also pointed out that a 1992 follow-up of the same patients 18months after their treatment stopped found that the lowest rate of relapse was among patients who received cognitive-behavioral therapy, not the medications.

They add that while some clinicians

bave interpreted the higher relapse among parients on medication to mean that depression is a chronic disease that requires long-term reliance oo anndepressants, an alternate interpretation is that psycbotherapy, particularly cognitive-behavioral therapy, serves as a better inoculation against a repeat episode of depression than

does treatment with drugs.

The article also cited a 1992 study comparing the effects of antidepressants with cognitive-behavioral therapy. Severely depressed patients fared as well with either.

Pitfalls in Gauging Hypertension

coat hypertension. Both refer to the fact doctor's office or clinic than at home, work or play. As a result, some patients may be mistakenly found to be bypertensive and may be needlessly given drugs to bring their pressure down, two new studies suggest.

But while no one questions the existence of white-coat hypertension, there are strong disagreements about interpreting and treating it that could have a significant impact on medical costs and a lasting influence on patients' self-image, employability and insurability, as well as their risks of suffering heart attacks, kidney disease or strokes.

Rather than treat all patients on the basis of office blood pressure readings, some clinicians familiar with the white-coat effect maintain that certain patients should first be fitted with ambulatory blood pressure monitors that automatically record their blood pressure every 15 minutes or

years ago, a German physician amhulatory monitoring is too costly to be called it "the pulse of the doc-widely used and may fail to identify pator." Today it is called white- tiens who could benefit from treatment.

One study, published in the current that a person's pulse rate and blood pres- issue of The American Journal of Hysure are often higher when measured at a pertension, showed that the white-coar effect was especially pronounced in people over 60. The study was conducted by researchers in Copenhagen who tested the hlood pressures of 352 healthy people aged 20 to 79 in the office and with imbulatory monitors as they went about their normal routines.

The researchers, headed by Dr. Niels Wiinberg of the Frederiksberg Hospital, concluded that the higher blood pressures typically found in older people may in part result from an exaggerated white-coat effect. A similar conclusion was reached earlier this year by Italian researchers who published a study of office and home blood pressure recordings in 1,511 men and women. Dr. Michael A. Weber, an editor of the bypertension journal, said the Italian and Danish findings argue strongly for the usefulness of ambulatory monitoring, which can cost from \$100 to \$350.

'There are too many quick and casual so throughout the day and night.

They say an ambulatory device can provide particularly useful information diagnoses of bypertension being made, "

Dr. Weber said in an interview. "This is a provide particularly useful information major diagnosis, and it is often the first about blood pressure under a wide variety time patients are brought face to face with

New York Times Service of circumstances, including while asleep a cardiovascular condition that will in-EW YORK — More than 250 or exercising. Other clinicians insist that fluence how they think of themselves and

Dr. Weber, chairman of medicine at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, said. Once treatment with blood pressure-lowering medication is started, it's never stopped. Therefore it is a tremendously important diagnosis to get right in the first

Furthermore, he said, ambulatory monitoring can encourage patients to stick with treatment if they really need it.

MONG those who are not enthusiastic about ambulatory monitoring is Dr. Marvin Moser, a hypertension special-ist in White Plains. New York, who said the technique was a good way to drive up health-care costs without any clear-cut evidence of benefits. Dr. Moser, who serves on a national commission that has resisted recommending ambulatory monitoring as a routine practice, insists that most people with consistently elevated blood pressure in a clinical setting have underlying problems that increase their risk of cardiovascular complications. Therefore, he said, treatment can reasonably be based on office blood pressure measurements.

Jane E. Brody

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

THERE is one circumstance I in which an expert will feel in three no-trump. That would Family's Impact on compelled to take a few chances. have been defeated by a spade If be or she is well behind in a lead hut North chose a club and match, it makes sense to depart the game was made. That was slightly from the beaten track in 15 imps to the Sartorius team, a \$30. HarperCallins. bidding, make some slightly victory by 18, and a note of low-percentage plays and hope curiosity. for exciting deals.

With 9 deals remaining in a was leading by 3 imps going 27-board match, Bob and Barinto the final deal. No heroics bara Sartorius, Bill and Sharon were necessary, and the four-Hait, Lester Sokolower and spade bid might have lost the Barbara Tepper, were trailing match with a different layout. by 45 imps against a foursome headed by Art Hoffman. On the final deal, Boh Sar-

torius picked up the South hand shown in the diagram and heard his opponents charge into three no-trump. He ventured four spades, an action that would have to be described as rash if he had been doubled for a large penalty. As it is, one must call it audacious, since it was doubled but there was no penalty.

When West led the diamond ace, Bill Hait as North produced a most desirable dummy. All that was necessary for success was to collect the trumps, and at his first opportunity Sartorius finessed the queen with a happy result. There was no temptation to play West for all the missing trumps,

since the final double would not **BLOOD AND IRON:**

BOOKS

From Bismarck to Hitler In the replay, West was, not - The Von Moltke unnaturally, permitted to play German History By Otto Friedrich, 434 pages.

Reviewed by Marc Fisher

It happened that Sartorius TO this day, even though A aristocratic titles are technically illegal in postwar Ger-

barons and others who claim membership in the inherited elite can be found not only on the slopes at Gstaad but in important places in government one descendant called "a terand husiness as well.

The great families of German

trusting in power," as the German historian Gervinus put it, on to the chastened pacifism of the postwar period.

Helmuth von Moltke, the

Prussian field marshal who conquered Paris in 1871, was a follower of Clausewitz and a strong believer in war as an effective instrument of politics. This Moltke, "grave, tacitum and self-contained," boasted of a pa-triotism in which to win the war against France was "to march at many, a little extra syllable in a the forefront of civilization." name — a "Graf" here, a His idea of advancing civiliza-"Von" there — goes a long non was to burn entire French act by an anti-German partisan. Even within his own family, this Moltke is remembered for giving his all to the creation of what

rible Germany. The second Moltke, the field history have known the same marshal's nephew, was another kind of tragedy, glory and hor- Helmuth von Moltke, who was ror that have burdened the na- made chief of staff of the Prus-Friedrich's notion of tracing that respect for his late uncle than predicted that the obscure time through one German aris- out of any admiration for his tocratic clan offers an exciting own talents. This Moltke lusted ride through the pendulum after a world war, which he saw family profiled here were close we learn little about this man,

· Manoli Traxler, human rights officer for the United Nations in Haiti, is reading Greg's "Achille Talan" comic books. "It's a torrent of wisdom that is born from this simple eru-(Maria Sanminiatelli, IHT)



way in German society. Counts, villages in retaliation for a single and let his troops outmarch their his deeds. Moltke was about to own supply lines, running short flee to England when be was of food and contributing to the drafted into the military in German debacle in World War 1939. This fair-minded but ex-1. Before the war reached high ceedingly cautious man is prepitch. Moltke was removed sented bere as a hero of the from command, riddled with minuscule German resistance. guilt and anxiety. Friedrich but he was considered "the hard to say no," he writes, even never explores what motivated most prominent advocate of in- as he describes Thomas Mann's a von Moltke "stands for great Moltke's late descent into a action" by Hans Gisevius, a early anti-Nazi manifesto, achievement," for sacrificing weird mysticism in which he former Nazi official and pro- Molike was arrested, tried for tion at large, and so the late Otto sian Army in 1906 more out of held seances and supposedly ponent of a military coup Adolf Hitler would one day be the assassination of Hitler be- executed in January 1945. Führer of a Third Reich.

The most intriguing characswings of the past century. The as a "great racial struggle better here is yet another Helmuth over any mere political act. tween Teutons and Slavs." But von Moltke, great nephew of While General Ludwig Bec the World War I figure. This is

against Hitler. Moltke opposed cause he considered the Fourth

"resistance" to assembling Germany other than a basic desome clergymen and academics at his country estate to consider Much of this book is a blizzard of the Nazis. At the meeting, no mention was made of Jews, then belongs to one of three equal and Jewish — was a dogma not yet born."

Friedrich, who takes pride in his own Prussian heritage, is immensely sympathetic to the against the tendency to judge them by contemporary standards. Back then, Friedrich contends, it was too hard to see that Nazi rule would lead to a police state. It was "hard to see and hostility toward Nazism and for and honestly believe in. knowledge of a conspiracy, and

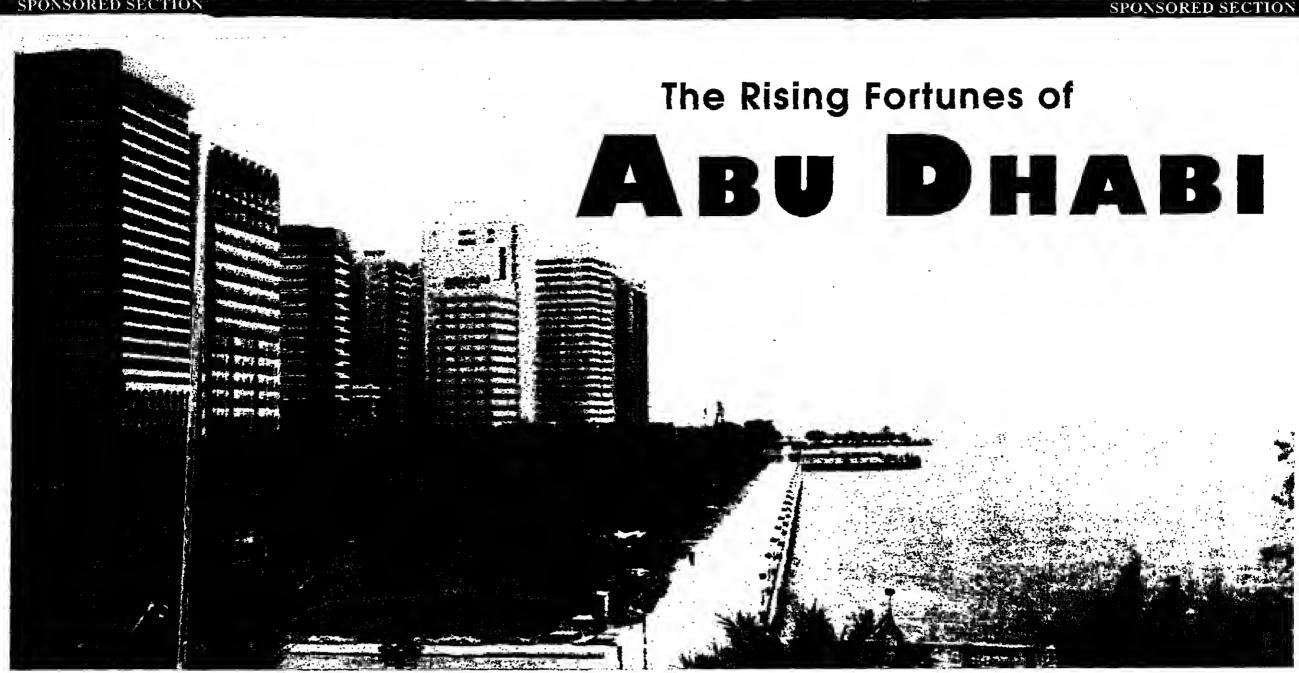
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witnesses to the transformation of Germany "from a people dedicated to culture to a people dedicate



PETRODOLLARS RECYCLED INTO CONSTRUCTION

Oil and gas exploitation remains the economic motor of the emirate.

A first-time visitor to Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates in the Gulf, might be forgiven for thinking that the only economic activity in the emirate was construction. New high-rise buildings seem to spring up overnight, often replacing buildings that are knocked down because they are either 10 floors or less in height or more than 10 years ald

Business sources estimate that about \$2 billion worth of Growth cycle construction in both the government and private sector is currently under way.

The Abu Dhabi government is virtually the sole generator

of economic wealth in the emirate; it pumps it out in the form of oil and gas and immediately recycles about 10 percent annually into the construction sector. Current oil pro-

an income of about \$11 billion annually, says Abdullah Nasser bin Huwailii Al Mansoury, first vice-president of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This provides the emirate with a per-capita income of about \$17,500 a year, one of the world's highest.

New capital projects for the hydrocarbon industry onshore and offshore are coming on-stream; other downstream activities – refining and petrochemicals – are being developed; the port of Mina Zayed is being expanded; and major improvements are to be made to the international airports at the stability of the market and to help keep the price from falling. OPEC production has been set at 24.52 million from falling.

duction is just over 2.1 million barrels a day, which produces is unlikely to be halted despite the current low level of oil

prices.
"What you have to remember is that Abu Dhabi has one of which could be the lowest oil-production costs in the world, which could be as low as 60 cents a barrel, maybe even less," says an oil engineer who used to work for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC).

Abu Dhabi and Al Ain. The emirate is in a growth cycle that barrels a day - a ceiling that has been constantly broken by

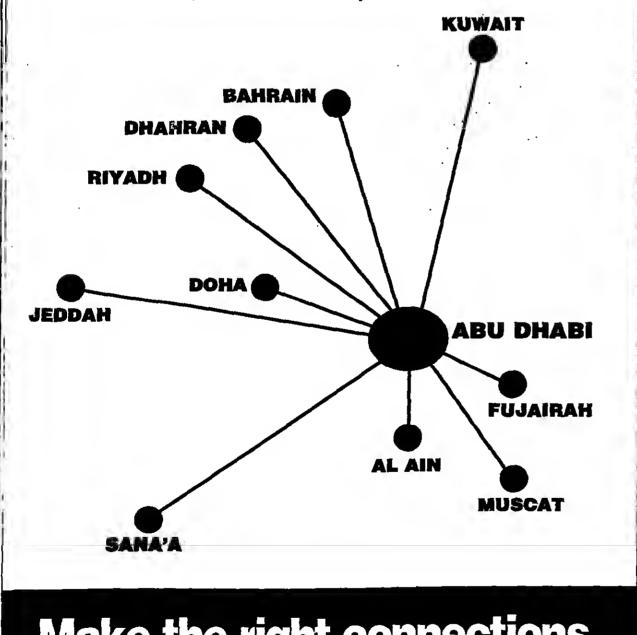
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several countries, including Venezuela. Nigeria, Qatar and Gabon.

The UAE's quota is 2.161 million barrels a day. Almost all oil production comes from Abu Dhabi, with a small amount - 0.3 million barrels a day - from Dubai.

The near completion of a \$5 billion expansion program will boost Abu Dhabi's oil production capacity by about 0.5 million barrels a day by the middle of next year. The UAE claims to have about 100 billion barrels of oil reserves, about 10 percent of the world's total. Gas reserves equal 5.7 trillion cubic meters, 4.6 percent of the world's proven reserves, making the UAE the fourth-largest gas producer.

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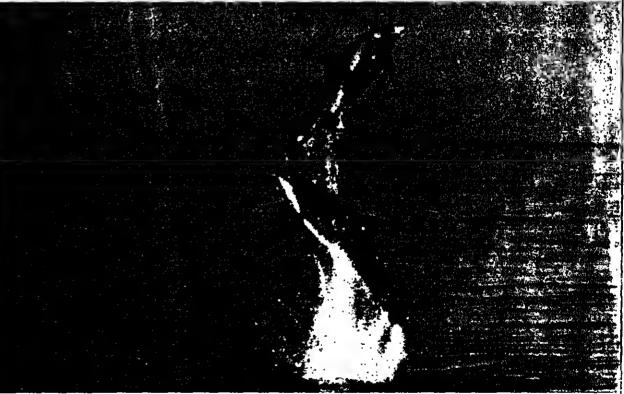
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ELECTRONIC SYSTEM POINTS TOWARD STOCK EXCHANGE

Union National Bank launches a new service.

An automated electronic to give the latest on-line instock trading system has been launched by Abu Dhabi's Union National Bank, which recently moved into a \$67 million glittering white marble and glass corporate headquarters build-

ing.
The system, named
"Union Securities," is one of the first of its kind in the Gulf; it enables customers to use their own personal computer to access the service. Screens and terminals will be available in the bank's three main branches as well

as the headquarters building.
Anwer Sher, acting chief executive of Union National Bank, says the service allows corporate clients and individuals of high net worth to tap into the \$10 billion securiues market. It is a major step toward streamlining the settlement system and offers share registration, custody services and a bulletin board

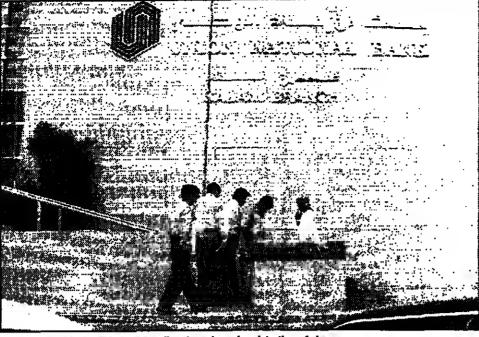
formation to customers.

Greater security
At present, the 22 available

shares are traded through a number of brokers, of whom only four are officially registered. The bank has also recently launched its own brokerage service.
"We are trying to help

both the brokers and the customers by bringing more transparency to the system," says Mr. Sher. "We are trying to develop a more effi-cient and professional system with greater security and safety. At the moment. settlements are done in a disorganized manner, and investors sometimes have to wait almost three weeks before they can get a certifi-

About 90 million sbares are available in the market, which is the second largest and second most active in



"Union Securities" will help streamline the sale and registration of shares.

the region, after Saudi Ara- on a modular basis so that it bia. Daily trades amount to about \$250,000.

"Union Securities," which has been developed in conjunction with Andersen Consulting, will provide upto-date prices for stocks, as opposed to the previous day's prices quoted in local newspapers.

Modular basis

The system is currently on demonstration. "The first indications are that it is going down very well," says Mr. Sher. It has been developed

can easily be expanded to meet future demands, which might be for a central registry of securities and trades.
"When an official stock market opens, we could be offering a central service,"

says Mr. Sher. There has been discussion over many years about opening a stock market in Abu Dhabi and legislation is being drawn up to create one. But Mr. Sher believes nothing will bappen for some time.

"However, if the govern-

ment's policy of privatization is to continue, we will see some outflows from the banking system into the capital market, which might speed up the need for a new stock market," says Mr.

He says that today's market relies on rumors and word of mouth, which allows it to be manipulated by a limited number of investors. Lack of easy access to information has been a major stumbling block to the development of a capital

illustrates clearly the philos-

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Saced. "Another key feature

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tures is negotiating directly

with shipping lines, traders, customers and potential

clients."

PORT ZAYED: CAPITAL PORT FOR THE UAE

The seaport authority plays an active role in the development of regional trade.

A greements with three tinent. We believe we are major shipping lines have substantially boosted container cargo at Port Zayed. By the end of September, the number of standard container units handled so far in 1995 was 165,000; for the whole of 1994, the figure was 155,000, which was a 23 percent increase over the previous year.

"We are confidently expecting the total for 1995 to reach at least 200,000 units," says Sbamsul Qamar, marketing director of Abu Dhabi Seaport Authority. "At the end of 1995, we made an agreement with Messina Line of Italy, who together with Uniglory and Croatia Line - now uses Abu Dhabi as a hub port for the Gulf and Indian subcon- for refrigerated cargoes.

ideally situated for transshipment of cargoes to both the lower and upper Gulf."

Competitive rates

More than 40 major sbipping lines now use the port. One of the incentives is the competitive rates offered by Abu Dhabi, including transsbipment tariffs, which are only \$41 for a 20-foot container and \$54 for a 40-foot

"In fact, we are still maintaining the rates that were established in 1972, when the port opened," says Mr. Qamar. Containers can be off-loaded at the rate of 25 to 30 per hour, and there is stacking space for 15,000 boxes as well as 128 points

There has been a continuous program of modernization at Port Zayed, which is now marketing itself as the "capital port for the United Arab Emirates." (Abu Dhabi is the capital of the sevenstate federation.)

Extra handling capacity The port has 21 berths, including four deepwater container berths totaling 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) in length. Two new gantry cranes have been ordered from Germany and will be operational next year, bringing the total number of container handling cranes to five. In addition, a 150-ton mobile crane is about to come into service.

"The new cranes will give us mucb-needed extra han-

main approach cbannel to the port is to be deepened to 15 meters, which will enable larger container vessels to berth. Other improvements will include an extension to the recently commissioned cold store. Capacity is being increased from 3,000 tons to

5,000 tons, and

plans are in hand to treble what facilities you need' capacity by 1997. This expansion to the cold

store is typical of the overall philosophy of the seaport authority, which sees itself playing an integral role in the development of trade not only for Abu Dhabi, but also for the UAE as a whole. "We believe that all the ports must work together." added Mr. Qamar. Port officials have adopted a more aggressive attitude in meeting the needs of both international shippers and the local business community. "Let us upgrade our facilities and then get the cus-tomers," says Mr. Qamar.

Change in management Many of the developments dling capacity," points out and the increase in cargo Mr. Qamar. The traffic stem from a major change in management three years ago, when Sheikh Saeed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was appointed chairman of Abu Dhabi Seaport Authority. He is typical of the new generation of young tech-nocrats who are helping to shape the emirate for the 21st century.

He has succeeded in cutting through much of the government red tape and speeding up procedures in the port. He also plays an active role in personally negotiating new business. "Our motto - 'Do not ask us what facilities we have, tell us

A Bank Keeps Track Of Whales and Dolphins Tracking funds is one thing, but tracking has been a finless porpoise (Neopho-

whales and dolphins is a somewhat unusual activity for a bank. That is exactly what is happening at Abu Dhabi's Union National Bank,

"I think we must be the only bank in the world that has a marine biologist on the payroll," says Anwer Sher, acting chief executive of UNB, which was reborn out of BCCI (Emirates) four years ago. It is now an extremely healthy bank that has been steadily expanding its customer base as well as ensuring that its capital-asset ratio more than meets the 8 percent guidelines laid down by the

tional Settlement. "However, we have not issued an annual report since we started, and so we cannot expect anyone to look too closely at our figures yet. Hence, in our publicity you will not see any figures relating to the bank - only dolphins and whales," says Mr. Sher, who has become an avid

Bank for Interna-

What may have started off as a

dolphin-watcher.

gubtle below-theline public-relations exercise has now become serious research business for the bank. UNB is about to publish the first-ever book on whales and dolphins in the Gulf. It is lavishly illustrated with color pictures and research material gathered by its British marine biologist, Robert Baldwin. It also contains a program to help protect marine mammals that have been under threat in the re-

Mr. Baldwin has identified more than 20 species of whales and dolphins in the United Arab Emirates' coastal waters, which rarely exceed 30 meters (99 feet) in depth.

*One of the most exciting discoveries

caena phocaenoides) near Marawan Island, just offshore from Abu Dhabi," says Mr. Sher.

The porpoise is rarely seen - this one, spotted a few months ago, was the first in four years.

A mystery in the Gulf

Equally exciting has been the sighting of large baleen whales, including the mighty blue and fin whales - two of the largest mammals known. According to Mr. Baldwin, these whales are well known for their long-distance migration,

but their presence in the Gulf is a mystery. Writing

Gulf's warm wa-

"Sonar," a maga-'I think we must be the zine devoted to the protection of whales and dolonly bank in the world that phins, Mr. Baldwin states: "It is has a marine biologist on difficult to know these what whales are doing the payroll, 'says Anwer Sher, in the area. Blocked to the north by the acting chief executive of Asian land mass and over 24 degrees north of the Abu Dhabi's Union equator, the whales either breed in the

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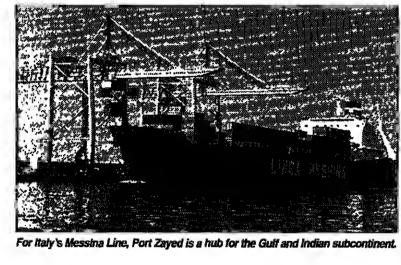
National Bank

ocean feeding grounds, or they are unique year-round residents of the Arabian peninsula."

Marine sanctuaries

Mr. Baldwin has now started a tagging program to track whales and dolphins found in the Gulf. But he has become alarmed at the large number of dead marine mammals being washed up or caught in fishermen's nets. "We have to find ways to conserve

whales and dolphins which face a barrage of human and environmental threats," states Mr. Baldwin, who is planning a number of marine sanctuaries for whales and dolphins.



PETRODOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION

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Few of the oil-producing Gulf countries have been as successful as Abu Dhabi in recycling its petrodollars into con-struction projects for the benefit of the emirate. Because the capital is built on a sandy island measuring about six miles by four miles, room for expansion has been limited. Much of the shoreline has been reclaimed and rebuilt with elaborate corniche works, suitably landscaped with acres of grass and

Half-a-dozen new towns are now being built on the mainland. Many are near the main highway connecting the interior with the road to Dubai, the neighboring emirate to the north. One of the largest is at Al Shahama.

There is a constant stream of trucks kicking up the desert dust for as far as the eye can see as they continue to dump rock and rubble nonstop into new building and land-reclamation sites.

The emphasis is now on low-cost housing projects, and the rest seems to be slowing down," says one expatriate banker. "In the past, there has been much criticism of some of the construction spending, especially on our road systems. which were thought to be unnecessary. But look around now: our roads are jammed."

Trade and commerce

While continued efforts are made to diversify the economy away from oil, the only general improvement is in trade and commerce. Businessmen are doing very nicely, and there have been some very high profits in the private sector during the last 12 to 15 months," says the banker. "I think our importance as a trading center has been growing." Trade and commerce account for about 10 percent of gross domestic

He adds that comparisons are always made between the activity in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, its ritzy neighbor, Dubai is generally recognized as the business center of the Gulf, and it is also internationally acclaimed for its sporting image.

"While Abu Dhabi has excess resources, Dubai has a lot of energy for regeneration and a momentum for self-perpetuation," says the banker. "However, here in Abu Dbabi, we have to create that momentum. That is the difference."

It is the exploitation of oil and gas that remains the economic dynamo. There will also be an expansion of the petrochemical side, which, according to reports, may be one area of the industry that could be privatized.

Fierce competition

Mansour A. Alami, general manager of Al Bawardi - one of Abu Dhabi's largest trading companies and one that has always been involved in the oil and gas industry – says there are 80 international companies and their representatives who are pre-qualified to do business.

There is now extremely fierce competition here for contracts. In the end, I think it comes down to professionalism," says Mr. Alami, whose company has diversified into the electronics and computer sector. It also has a successful interior-design subsidiary working on palaces and commercial buildings.

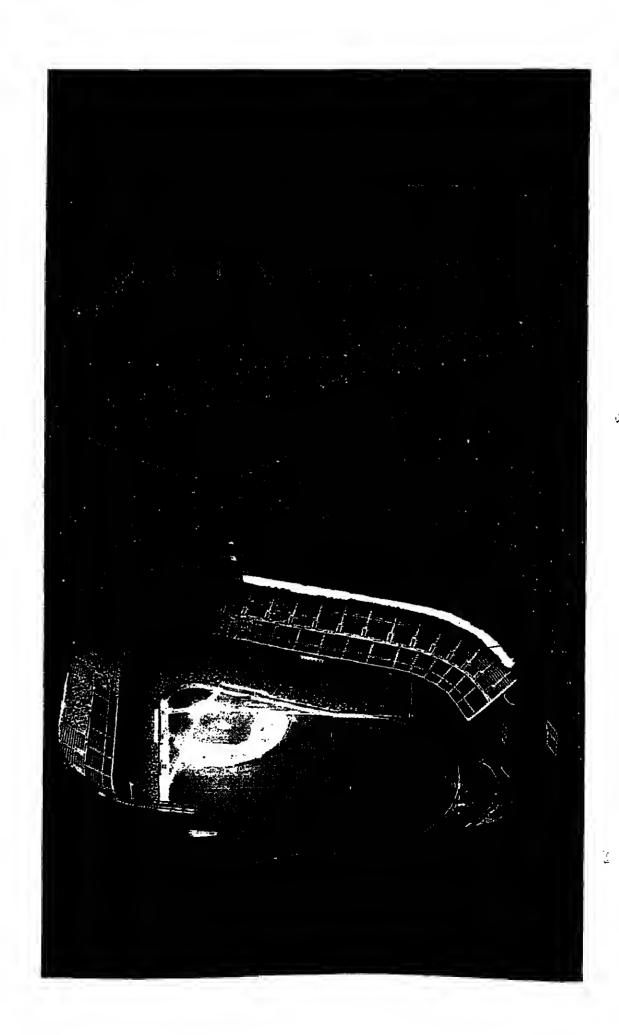
As in all the oil states, diversification of industry is a constant topic among government planners who strive to get away from a mono-economy.

Abu Dhabi is no exception. It has a number of free zones, and Abdullah Nasser says the government is planning development projects worth 48 billion dirhams (\$14 billion) between now and 1995. This is in addition to any investment in the oil and gas industries.

The plans already in motion assure us that the emirate will go through a significant development process in various fields, particularly in the industrial sector, and on various scales - including the development of three new industrial zones," Mr. Nasser adds.

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DUTY-FREE SHOPPING: MORE CHOICE, GREAT VALUE

First-class goods and service an the keys ta success.

When the expansion to time for shopping; this is es-Abu Dhabi International Airport is completed (see related story), the combined about one-third of the 3.2 duty-free shopping complex will have an area of 7,300 square meters (about 79,000 square feet), making it one of the largest in the region. By the year 2000, the airport expects to be handling 8 million passengers, including

those using the twin airport of Al Ain, opened in 1994. Mohamed Mounib, gener-al manager of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain Duty Free. exand Al Ain Duty Free, expects total sales to reach a record \$80 million by the end of 1995, the 10th anniversary year for Abu Dhabi's duty-free shopping complex. There have been extensive changes to the extensive changes to the duty-free shopping area since it first began. Today it occupies an area of 3,300 square meters. The latest improvement two months ago was an innovation for the tax-free shopping industry in the Gulf - the introduction of exclusive brand-name shopping outlets on the up-per level of Abu Dbabi air-port's distinctive mushroom-shaped terminal.

These new outlets include Bally, Givenchy, Hermès, Swatch and Tie Rack, Altogether, eight companies have signed three-year contracts with ADDF; the latter will manage and actually operate the shops. "We are putting in our own staff, we order the goods and we fix the prices," says Mr.

Easy to walk into He wants to see more goods on display and an easy walkin environment for passen-

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pecially true for passengers million passengers using the air ort annually.

He believes that having more space is not the only criterion for a good shop. There is a need to offer topclass products that have their Own identity, and this is what the brand-name shops

what the brand-name snops help to achieve.

We also want to open the door for more products—shoes, lingerie, golfing equipment and, say, optical glasses," says Mr. Mounib.

"We now have a commit-We now have a commitment with the brand-name shops, and we have to see how we shall proceed in the future. At the end of the day. I am after better service for our customers, and I am not necessarily bowing to pres-sure for more profit."

Goods for all tastes

The new-style boutiques on the upper level present a dazzling array of goods for all tastes. The brand-name shops also include one sell-ing sport and selfing selfing sport and selfing sport and selfing selfing selfing sport and selfing self ing sport and golfing clothes, accessories and equipment. There are excellent-value golf clubs - from an unbelievably low 50 dirhams (\$15) to 1,500 dirhams for a Callaway club. There is a large selection of compact disks at 52 dirhams and videos from 50 to 70 dirbams. The new optical shop stocks more than 30 brands of sunglasses and is thought to be one of the only duty-free shops in the region to offer an instant and free eye test and prescription for

The collection of ties in gers who do not have a lot of Tie Rack is changed every

up the sky without an increasingly popular choice for driving the

fortnight; the Swatch shop displays the latest models. Another important change has been made on the

ground floor, where new island shops display watches and gold jewelry, which is available in 18 karat and 18 karat extra, 22 karat and 18 karat extra, 22 karat and 22 karat extra to 24 karat. Most gold jewelry is very competitively priced at the gold rate of the day plus a relatively small mark-up for manufacturing compared with a turing, compared with a mark-up of 200 percent or 300 percent in Europe or the United States.

Mr. Mounib is convinced that good value, the availability of goods and a firstclass commitment to service are the main requirements for a successful operation.



Major expansion is planned for Abu Dhabi International Airport and its duty-free shopping complex, which already leatures stylish new boutiques like the optical shop (left)



Al Ain: Regional Cargo Hub

vatization venture in the emirate's aviation sector will take place at Al Ain International Airport, where a new joint-venture company is to operate a cargo terminal.

The Abu Dhabi Department of Civil Aviation will provide the land for the cargo terminal, which will be developed by the private venture company. "We hope that this will make Al Ain a main cargo hub for the region,"

Natural gas - affordable, safe, and available - is

turbines that generate electrical power all over

the world. Conventional methods of controlling emissions

are costly and dampen efficiency. So ABB has developed a

way to burn them off cleanly, producing energy more

efficiently. ABB has installed its innovative "EV-burner" in

the Midland Co-generation Venture, a joint project to

What may be the first pri- says Sheikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, chairman of the DCA, At present, Abu Dhabi International Airport handles more than 51,000 tons of freight a year, with 50 wide-bodied freighters serving 15 major destina-

Freighters using Abu Dhabi include the giant Antonov cargo jets, which can carry up to 125 tons. These are often used to fly in equipment for the oil industry.

OF OPEN SKIES, GOLF AND TWIN AIRPORTS

Majar changes are under way at the emirate's two international airports.

Golf mania is developing quickly in the Gulf. A green revolution has been taking place over the past few years, with golf courses springing up in what used to be one of the most inhospitable parts of the world. Abu Dhabi is no exception - an 18-hole championship all-green course is taking shape in the emirate. Sheikh Hamdan bin Muharak Al Nahyan, chairman of the department of civil aviation, has now planned a golf course and driving range for the pro-posed extension to Abu Dhabi International Airport, Officials say that this will probably make it the only airport in the world to have its own course.

"Many things will be changing here by the end of 1966," says Sheikh Hamdan, a younger member of the ruling family who was appointed to his present position three years ago

to bring a new approach to the development of the emirale. Since his arrival, several changes have started to take place, including the introduction of an "open-skies" policy for airlines.

Other plans include the expansion of the awardwinning duty-free shopping complex, more facilities for aircraft and passenger handling and. most important of all, the opening of a second international airport at Al Ain, the emirate's sec-ond largest city. This makes Abu Dhabi the only emirate within the UAE to have two international airports.

Now it is all systems go to expand both airports at a cost of \$180 million so as to meet ex-Sheikh Hamdan

posted a cost of \$180 million so as to meet expected passenger and freight demands by the end of the decade. Both airports currently handle about 4 million passengers a year. "Our short-term plan is to increase capacity to 5 million passengers in two years, time and to 8 million passengers are provided by the 500 staff of Abo Packs." ity to 5 million passengers in two years' time and to 8 million by the year 2000," says Sheikh Hamdan. He sees the development of Al Ain International Airport as a natural progression for the emirate's aviation industry. The airport serves the eastern part of the country as well as the 380,000 persons living in Al Ain, and it also provides a strategic connection with the rest of the world.

Twin-airport concept Sheikh Hamdan's overall philosophy is to encourage the twin-airport concept for the emirate. Developments at both international airports are considered and activated in tandem. Hence the current expansion projects are regarded as complementary to each other. These include a new satellite terminal for arrivals and departures at Abu Dhabi with 11 new aircraft stands; a complete renovation of check-in facilities; an 11-bedroom extension to the transit hotel, together with a bealth club and children's playground; complete runway refurbishment; and a new radar approach system. Departure and check-in facilities are also to be expanded at Al Ain, which is to have its own in-flight catering unit. "We want to offer a tailor-made service to the airlines of today and those of the future," says Sheikh Hamdan. Airlines using both airports are being offered special incentives. Forty-three airlines are currently operating in Abu Dhabi; the most recent arrivals are Britannia Airways of Britain and Clima Airways from Taipei. There are eight airlines at Al Ain, Altogether, more than 70 destinations are served by the twin airports.

Services and incentives

With four other airports within 15 to 20 minutes' flying time of Abu Dhabi, there is a strong competitive element to attract more airline business by offering improved services as

well as a number of financial incentives.
"Since we introduced the 'open skiex' policy, we have been doing very well." says Sheikh Handan, who also points out that there are some limita-tions on traffic rights. "We feel, quite rightly, that we have to offer some protection to the long-established companies as we do not want to end up fighting them.

In the past two years, the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) has been able to offer all airlines a complete package deal, which is being extended to future users of either airport.

"I think we are able to offer one of the most economical packages in the region," says Sheikli Hamdan, "This is partly because all the airport services come under the control of the chairman

Airport Services (ADAS), which also provides the ground team for Al Ain. Abu Dhabi also prides itself on its in-flight catering facilities, which are among the largest in the region. There has been a substantial increase in the demand for meals; on a peak day, up to 15,000 complete meals are provided for airlines. Last year, the eatering premises had to be refurbished, and a new extension is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The catering is managed by Abu Dhabi National Hotels Company, which comes under the

wing of the CD. Another significant incentive for potential airline users is that Abu Dhabi is the only Gulf airport to offer its own complete aircraft-maintenance facility – the Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company (GAMCO). This is a joint venture between the Abu Dhabi government (60 percent) and Gulf Air (40 percent) of Bahrain, which is also partly owned by Abu Dhabi. GAMCO's hangars occupy a 55-hectare site close to Abu Dbabi airport. The main hangar can accommodate sev-

eral aircraft simultaneously - two Boeing 747s or three Boe-

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR OIL AND GAS

A survey of the latest developments in Abu Dhabi's energy sector.

The development of privatized power-generation projects in Asia between now and the turn of the century will open new markets for natural gas from the Gulf countries. Already. Abu Dhabi - which has the world's fourth-largest reserves of gas - is the second-largest exponer after Saudi

At a recent energy confer-ence in Abu Dhabi, Arthur Dixon, general manager for marketing of Shell International Gas, said that the Asian market showed enormous potential "and there must be a rosy future for gas trading between the Middle East and Asian countries."

Abu Dhabi's total proven gas reserves are estimated at 5.7 trillion cubic meters, and oil reserves are estimated to be 100 billion barrels.

Rise in gas exports
The emirate is in the process of substantially increasing its gas exports, which amounted to 4 million tons in 1994, according to a re-cent statement by Hassan Ahmad Al Marzouqi, prod-uct and gas sales division manager of Abu Dhabi Nawould increase by a further 1.4 million tons a year by 1996, following the completion of the Onshore Gas Developmeni (OGD) projeci at the Habshan processing plant, where production ca-pacity will be doubled. The plant will also produce 130,000 barrels a day of condensates, which do not count as part of the OPEC oil quota, and 5,900 tons of

natural gas liquids a day, In addition to condensate production at the OGD's Habshan plant, gas-process-ing capacity will be raised to 1,865 million standard cubic feet of gas a day.

The facilities nearing final

completion include two new processing trains, which will handle Thamama "B" asso-ciated gas and Thamama "C" non-associated gas. A third train will handle Thamama "F" non-associat-

In addition, the gas is helping Abu Dhabi Gas Industries (GASCO) 10 eliminate the bottleneck in its Ruwais plant, where it is building two new LPG stor-age tanks with a capacity of 43,000 cubic meters. These will be completed in 1997 tional Oil Company (AD- and are needed to help meet Liquefied NOC). He said that sales sales demand from Japan. (LGSC).

which currently takes 67 percent of all LPG exports. Significant developments have also been taking place on Das Island, where the ca-pacity of Abu Dhahi Gas Liquefaction Plant's (ADGAS) natural gas plant was also doubled, to approximately 5 million ions a year, this established a new production record - 22 percent more than in 1993. The third production train, which was built by the Japanese company Chiyoda, is one of

the most advanced in the world; it has increased pro-

duction capacity to 4.5 mil-

lion Ions a year. Lasi year, ADGAS signed a new 25-year agreement to supply LNG to the Tokyo Electric Power Company. Under the terms of the agreement, supplies will be doubled, to more than 5 million tons a year by 1997.

To keep abreast of the rapidly increasing LNG export market, the National Gas Shipping Co. (NGSCO) was established in 1993 and became operative last year. It provides shipping services for ADGAS and also manages the five special-product carriers chartered by the Liquefied Gas Shipping Co.

NGSCO operates two of the largest and most advanced gas carriers in the world – the Al Khaznah and Shahamah, both named after villages in the emirate. The vessels have an overall length of nearly 300 meters, a gross tonnage of 110,000 tons and a service speed of 19.5 knots. Altogether, eight gas carriers are being built for charter by the company each with a capacity to carry 137,000 cubic meters of

Adding value

While there has been an emphasis on boosting gas production after several years of frustrating delays, the gov-ernment has decided to go ahead with several billion dollars' worth of new investments in the downstream refining and perrochemical

The objective is to increase the added value of the oil and gas industry.

Both refineries in the emi-

rate are to have substantial expanded capacity and a foreign joint-venture group is to build a 400,000 ton a year polyethylene plant at Ruwais, the site of one of the refineries and an existing NGL fractionation plant.

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FROM RAGS TO RICHES: THE RISE OF AN EMIRATE

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A new book sheds light on the development of Abu Dhabi.

ife in the pre-oil days of Abu Dhabi and its transformation into one of the wealthiest countries in the world is the subject of "From Rags to Riches - A Story of Abu Dhabi," written by Mohammed Al-Fahim, one of the emirate's leading husiness executives. Published by the London Centre of Arab Studies, the book is of some significance because it is probably the only contemporary account written in English by an Arah who has lived through the changes. Ahu Dhahi was formerly a British dependency and one of the Trucial States before being granted independence in 1971, when the United Arab Emirates was formed.

No doctor on the coast

Mr. Mohammed criticizes the British for restricting pearlfishing techniques in the past and more recently, before "black gold" appeared, and for failing to provide adequate medical care (there was no doctor on the coast). With the ad-

vent of oil revenues, he says, Sheikh Shakhut - then Ruler of Ahu Dhahi failed to use the newfound income for

the benefit of the people.

Throughout the 18th, 19th and most of the 20th century until 1960, the small, sandy island of Ahu Dhabi was populated by only a few hundred people during the cooler winter months. It was the largest of the sheikhdoms on the coast, but the main settlements were in-Mohammed Al- land at Liwa or Buraimi, where there Fahim, author of were oases. Buraimi was the scene of "From Rags to fierce battles between warring factions from what are today Saudi Arabia and Ahu Dhabi. Even as late as the 1960s,

according to one British source, bands of Saudi raiders on horseback would sweep into Ahu Dhabi, taking slaves. The issue, which in later years centered on Saudi claims to oil concessions in disputed Abu Dhabi territory, was not finally settled until 1975.

Mr. Mohammed recounts stories handed down to him of the hitter days of pearl diving in the summer, this activity provided the only income for the people. At the end of the 19th century, Abu Dhahi had one of the largest pearling fleets, with more than 400 boats. These small craft were huilt to carry six or seven divers but would often be overloaded with up to 20 people. The captains would stay at sea, often in sight of the shore for up to three months, while the men dived and dived again to gather pearls for up to 12 hours a day. Many were left crippled and debilitated through lack of nourishment

Family feuds, encouraged by the British on the basis of a divide-and-rule scenario, and a stream of assassinations in the early part of the present century beld back the emirate's development in the immediate pre-oil years. They "left Abu Dhahi floating aimlessly like a rudderless ship in stormy seas," according to Mr. Mohammed.

The first oil revenues began to flow with the accession of



Tree-lined avenues are a common sight in the emirate.

Sheikh Shakbut bin Sultan as ruler in 1928; he lasted until 1966, when the present ruler, Sheikh Zayed, now president of the UAE, took over. But Sheikh Sbakhut was so cautious and suspicious that he basically hoarded the money in his coffers. In the 1960s, he forbade any new construction in Abu Dhabi. It took months of persuasion for him to accept electricity - and then only in his palace, which was lit up like some wonderland at night. Inadequate desalination plants were ordered; a prefabricated hospital lay in packing cases on the beach for two years because of a row with the contractors; the people were exploited by the oil companies and only given menial jobs.

As far as the young Mohammed, now a teenager, was concerned, the benefits of oil were all a false dawn. He writes about Sheikh Shakhut: "In keeping with his guarded attitude toward development, he maintained a tight grip on the purse strings and iron-fisted control on everything that went on." If anyone wanted to start a new husiness, permission had to be granted from the sheikh, but he refused to put anything in writing, which created difficulties and confusion.

Dazzled by outside world

But things were to change for Mohammed, who had spent much of his childhood in Sheikh Zayed's palace when he was ruler of Al Ain, where the Fahim family spent the sum-

mer months. Mohammed's father, who hecame the first Mercedes agent in the emirate, struck up a great and lasting friendship with Sheikh Zayed, with whom he worked and traveled. Often. Mohammed and his brother accompanied them on trips abroad. They were dazzled by the world outside the emirate, which might have been on another planet.

In 1964, an opportunity came that was to change every-thing. The Al-Fahim brothers and a few other youngsters were sent to England to be educated. Their father paid the fees, and Sheikh Zayed paid for the travel.

But their return meant another period of frustration at the lack of changes that they thought should have taken place. "We fervently hoped to find Abu Dhabi reborn like a hutterfly, a beautifully shining city freed from its dusty desert cocoon," he writes. "But our expectations were way out of line." He went back to England for two years, graduated and worked for the Ottoman Bank in London. He returned home again in 1967 to find that the long-awaited transformation and modernization of a desert fishing village had finally begun with the transfer of the leadership to Sheikh Zayed in 1966.

A TASTE OF ARABIA: SURF, SAND AND BEDOUIN NIGHTS

A look at what's in store for tourists in Abu Dhabi.

With new improvements cilities for both tourists and coming to the emirate's twin airports and additional struction. Abu Dhabi sees itself as the capital's tourism Emirates. It now has about a dozen four- and five-star luxury hotels, many of them on exclusive beach sites. The latest hotel to open is

the four-star Regency.
The Tourist Club area of the capital has now become a seafront oasis, where the established Le Meridien has heen joined by the new Beach Hotel.

Trader Vic's, the Beach Hotel's French-Polynesian restaurant, is currently the talk of the town. "It is definitely one of the 'in' places at the moment." says an American official based in the capital.

A few extra days

Several of the hotels have gone through extensive refurbishment to upgrade fa-

visiting business executives. "One of the things that we leisure facilities under con- are trying to do is to encourage visiting businessmen to stay on for a couple of extra ateway to the United Arab days and enjoy what we have to offer," says Sheikh Hamdan hin Muharak Al Nabyan, chairman of the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA). Ahu Dhahi's first all-green 18-hole championship golf course, which will be completed next year, is expected to become a ma-

jor attraction. It is almost impossible to quantify the total number of visitors to the emirate. However, Hani Hussein, acting manager of Sun Shine Tours, says that the total number of bona fide tourists arriving from Europe during 1994/95 amounted to 7,420. They generated a revenue of about 10.8 million dirhams (\$3.2 million), Sun Shine Tours is a subsidiary of Ahu Dhahi National Hotels Company, which has been at the

Old mosque dwarfed by high-rise buildings in the city center.

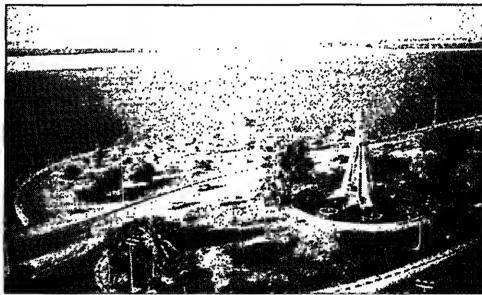
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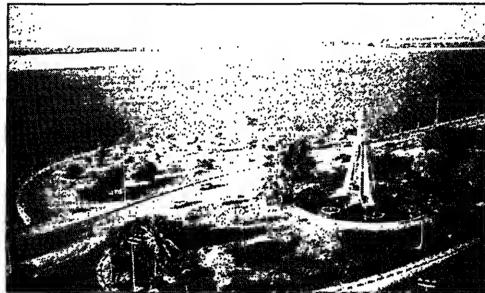
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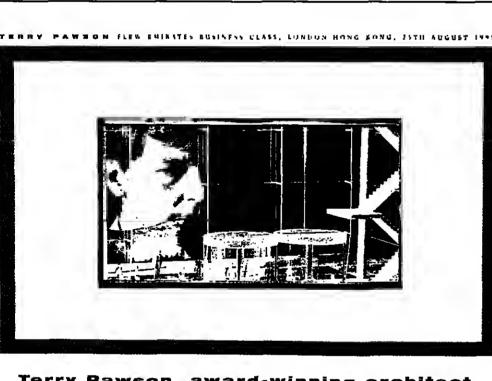
surprised at the variety of activities and the standard of service provided in the hotels, especially the resort hotels like Jazira. This is built on a small man-made island linked to the Gulf by a canal. A complete range of water sports is available; these range from para-gliding to scuba diving, sailing and surfing. For those who want to get away into the desert for a real "taste of Arahia," there are overnight safaris and dune dinners with belly dancers in Bedouin tents.

Pleasure beyond the sea: As part of its drive to promote tourism, the emirate is planning a multibillion-dollar leisure complex for the man-made is-

land in the background.







Terry Pawson, award-winning architect, on Emirates (award-winning airline).

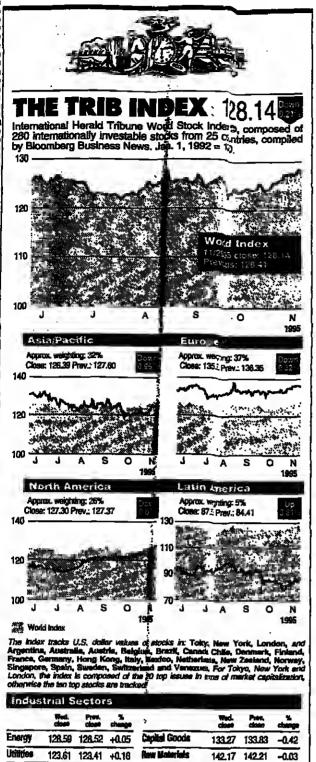
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Travelers to Buy Unit From Aetna And Fire 3,000

sualty Co.'s U.S. property and casualty insurance unit for \$4 billion, hoping to make it prof-itable by firing at least 3,300

Co., the leveraged-buyout specialist that had been ne-

gotiating to buy the unit.

Aema has been trying to sell the unit for months. The company said the money would be invested in managed health care and financial-services businesses in the United States and abroad. Property-casualty lines in-

clude auto and homeowners' insurance and business insurance such as workers' com-

insurers trying to cut costs. Travelers will combine Aetna's business with its own property and casualty subsidiary and set them up as a new unit that will sell stock to the public next year. Robert Lipp, vice chair-

NEW YORK — Travelers and the head of its insurance busi-Group Inc. said Wednesday it ness, is to become chairman would buy Aetna Life & Ca-and chief executive of the property and casualty unit. Travelers Group plans to contribute about \$1.1 billion to the new company.

employees.
Travelers beat out pany plans to eliminate at least Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & 3,300 jobs to cut costs by \$300 million over two years. Aema employs 11,600 people at its property and casualty unit. Aetna shares closed \$3,875 lower, at \$72.00, amid fears the company will initially lose income from the unit.

Travelers shares rose \$3.75, to \$58.875. Travelers said the business would increase its profit immediately. Travelers beat Kohlberg Kravis in the hidding in part because it will be able to slash

pensation.

The deal is another example of consolidation among Travelers' financing seemed more sound as well. With Travelers and Aet-

na's property and casualty business located in the same section of Hartford, Connecticut, analysts said it would be fairly easy to cut costs. (Bloomberg, AP)

Big Board Fines Nomura workers decided to extend a nat strike against social security cuts.

NEW YORK - Nomura Securities International Inc. on the likelihood that France will meet criteria Wednesday was fined \$1 million by the New York Stock Ex- to join in Europe's single currency on change, the third biggest sanction ever levied by the exchange, for schedule.

rule violations involving Mexican bond trading.

Yet for the moment, analysts noted, investors in France and its beleaguered france. resulted from the firm failing to meet capital requirements, the

The unit of Japan's biggest securities firm said it agreed to appoint an ourside director to head its audit committee and to strengthen its controls. Nomura's fine comes after the Federal Many analysts agreed Wednesday that Reserve ordered Daiwa Bank Ltd. to end its U.S. operations. The the franc had weathered the crisis well bank suffered \$1.1 billion in bond trading losses over 11 years.

EU Seeks French-German Accord

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - In a bid to heal a French-German split and remove doubts about Europe's commitment to a single currency, senior European officials said Wednesday they were seeking to strike a deal that would sarisfy French coocerns about the timing of monetary union and meet Ger-man demands on the currency's name.

If the negotiations succeed, European Union leaders would decide in January or February 1998 which countries would join a single currency on Jan. 1, 1999, officials said. The currency would probably be called the Euro rather than the Ecu, they added.

"Since it is a political problem, political deals are being done," a senior European official said oo condition of anonymity. The negotiations followed an open dis-pute between the French and German finance ministers on Monday over important

details of Europe's scenario for introducing a single currency. Officials in Paris and Bonn are eager to solve the dispute so European Union leaders can ratify the scenario when they gather for their semiannual summit meeting in Madrid on Dec. 15 and 16. Although France was isolated Monday

when EU finance ministers discussed the appropriate date for deciding which EU countries could join a single currency, the ideot of the European Commissioo.

said data on national budget deficits for age to French-German relations. 1997, which will determine which countries meet the deficit criteria for a single currency. would be just as reliable at the end of that year as in early 1998. He indicated that end-1997 data would enable EU leaders to decide which countries met the single-currency criteria in January or February 1998.

"Two months won't make any difference really." he said in outlining his pri-orities for the Madrid summit meeting. The comment cheered French officials, who are determined to force the single-currency decision early so that France's par-

liamentary elections in March 1998 do not become a referendum on monetary union. But in Bonn, Finance Minister Theo Waigel reiterated his belief that reliable budget data, rather than forecasts, would not be available until early 1998. That could delay a formal decision by EU leaders until as late as May, two months after the French vote, German officials said.

"All other dates would not be acceptable," Mr. Waigel told a German parliamentary committee.

Finance Minister Jean Arthuis indicated Monday that the French government would membership ambitions of Eastern Europe.

government won unexpected support publish its deficit figures in the last days of Wednesday from Jacques Santer, the pres- 1997 or the first days of 1998. One European official said it was inconceivable Stressing his 10 years of experience as that Bonn could reject the figures as unfinance minister of Luxembourg, Mr. Santer reliable without causing irreparable dam-

'The Bonn-Paris axis would explode in

front of our eyes," the official said.

Mr. Samer is expected to play a critical role in cutting a deal. He visited Prime Minister Alain Juppe in Paris on Tuesday, met Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn on Wednesday and is scheduled to meet Presidem Jacques Chirac in Paris next Wednesday. EU officials said they hoped Germany and France would settle their monetary differences by next Thursday, when Mr. Kohl and Mr. Chirac are to meet in Baden-Baden,

Meanwhile, Mr. Santer pushed Wednesday for a revived exchange-rate mech-anism that would limit fluctuations after 1999 between the single currency and those of countries that do not join monetary union. He said he believed Britain should be part of that mechanism, a suggestion London has so far resisted.

Mr. Santer also publicly rebuked Neil Kinnock, the transport commissioner, for flouting commission policy in a speech last week when he rejected the 1999 target date as unrealistic and urged a delay in the EU

France's GNP Growth Slows to a Crawl

By Max Berley
Special to the Herald Tribun

PARIS - France reported fresh signs Wednesday that economic growth had slowed to a near-standstill and that coosumer spending was nearly comatose, even as the country's striking transportation workers decided to extend a nationwide

The mounting signals of economic dis-tress and social turmoil cast fresh doubt oo

fort are sitting out the crisis. The franc has remained stable against the Deutsche mark, and French share prices have managed to hold their own.

enough to allow the Bank of France's Mon-

etary Policy Council to cut the five- to 10points, or bundredths of a percentage point, when it meets Thursday.

"There is a very favorable international environment for a rate cut by the Bank of the year. France," said Serge Le Gal, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais. "We're expecting a rate cut in the U.S., and the Bundesbank will probably lower rates Thursday." (Page 17)

France's gross domestic product grew only 0,2 percent in the third quarter, the government reported. It also revised downward its estimate of second-quarter growth to 0.2 percent from an original estimate of 0.4 percent and reported a 4 percent decline in consumer spending in October.

Perhaps worse, the spate of strikes that has been set off to protest the social security overhaul plan the government un-veiled Nov. 15 have brought France's rail-

The strike, in addition to an increase in day repurchase rate by 25 or 50 basis France's value-added tax, appears certain to weigh down growth in the fourth quarter, increasing chances that the economy will actually contract in the last three months of

> The weak growth figures seem likely to force a revision of full-year forecasts to around 2 percent from the 2.8 percent predicted by the government.

Analysts said the indicators have had a relatively small impact on investors because they largely believed Prime Minister Alain Juppé was taking tough measures.

'Paradoxically, the more severe the strikes, the more international investors become aware of the seriousness of the reforms undertakeo by the Juppé government," a Parisian stock broker said.

In a radio interview Wednesday, Mr. Juppé said he would not back down, alroads and public transportation systems to a virtual standstill this week, and other unions have threatened to join in.

though earlier in the month he said his government would collapse if there were "2 million people in the street."

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Adapting to Business After Sanctions

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THE THEFT

BELGRADE — He started with a dream and a whisk, stirring the ingedients himself in a metal pot to make ketchup on a two-burner electric stove. Now, three and a half years later. Vojin

Starcevic, 41, owns Polimark, a company that has 65 employees working in three shifts, seven days a week, producing 3.5 tons of ketchup a day on modern ma-

Polimark's dramatic growth is even more remarkable because it came while Yugoslavia, which consists of Serbis and Montenegro, was subject to economic

The lifting of the sanctions by the UN Security Council should reduce Polimark's costs. Both tomato concentrate and the ingredients to make plastic bottles can now be legally imported, eliminating the bribes Mr. Starcevic said he has had to pay to get them into the country. Mr. Starcevic said he dreamed of exporting his ketchup, which he could oot do under the sanctions.

Bot lifting the sanctions creates some paradoxes. Polimark, which took advan-tage of the monopoly market at home created by the sanctions, faces compe-tition from European and American companies that can now come back.

'We are apprehensive,'' said Radovan Cokic, Polimark's marketing director. But I would call that creative appre-

The sanctions on Yogoslavia went into effect in May 1992 — one month after owe their loyalty to the politicians who Mr. Starcevic started his company. They gave them their jobs. The state-owned were lifted after the signing of the Balkan peace agreement in Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to giving companies like Polimark a market opportunity, the sanctions had a side effect.

Before the sanctions were imposed, state-owned companies accounted for sures designed to make the economy about 90 percent of Yugoslavia's gross domestic product; today, they account for about 60 percent, said Miroljub Labus, a ports and devaluing the dinar, the Yoprofessor of economics at the University

The contrast between state and private industries is starkly demonstrated at Polimark. It has leased space at Jugostroj, a ness state-owned manufacturer of refrigerated display units for supermarkets.

"Look at this," said Nikola Cicic, an

engineer for 32 years with Jugostroj, as he pointed to display cases rusting in an open-air shed adjacent to Polimark's spotless factory. "Jugostroj is owned hy the state, so nobody cares."

Before sanctions, when Jugostroj was operating at capacity, it had 1,100 employees, but only 500 were actually occessary, Mr. Cicic said. Sanctions have reduced production to a

small fraction of what it was, but there are still 700 employees, many of whom come in, get a company-supplied breakfast and then leave, he said. Many Serbian politicians remain wed-

ded to the old system, though, for political reasons and private economic ones.

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Managers of state-owned companies gave them their jobs. The state-owned companies, even though grossly inefficient, get money from the state that politicians siphon off for their own private

ventures. Since the sanctions were lifted, Yugoslavia has announced a series of meamore market-oriented. They included libgoslav currency, to 3 to the Deutsche mark from parity.

Almost overnight, that has put black-

market currency vendors out of busi-

Mr. Labus said the economic program was a step in the right direction, but he added. "Our real problem lies with the state enterprises, and that has not been addressed at all."

Mr. Starcevic once worked for a stateowned company, one that produced au-tomobile tires. As he took Mr. Cicic on a tour of his Polimark factory - after having him put on a spanking-clean white smock — the engineer noticed how well Mr. Starcevic treated his workers.

"He knows he depends on their will-ingness to work," Mr. Cicic said — and they know they must work in order to get

How did Mr. Starcevic go from making tires to making ketchup? "Don't you believe in dreams?" he

Investors Applaud **High-Tech Filmmaker**

Compiled by One Staff From Disputates
NEW YORK — Shares in Pixar Inc., the company behind Walt Disney Co.'s new animated feature film "Toy Story," scared as they went public Wednesday.

Pixar stock, priced by underwriters at \$22 on Tuesday, shot to \$45.50 during its first hour of trading on the Nasdaq stock market. Trading was delayed because of an imbalance of orders. The shares closed at \$39.25, up \$17.25.

Pixar sold 6 million shares, or 20 percent of the company, on Wednesday after raising the offering price more than 55 percent. Pixar originally planned to price the shares at between \$12 and \$14.

Demand for the company's stock has surged, analysis said, because of the success of the film and investor fascination with technology stocks this

The Nasdaq composite index. which includes many technology stocks and Pixar, has risen bout 40 percent this year. The company, based in Richmond, California, uses comput-

ers rather than cameras to make visual images.

The public offering comes just a week after the U.S. re-

lease of "Toy Story," Pixar's first feature-length film. The film was the top U.S. box-office draw last weekend, taking in close to \$40 million. Toys re-lated to the movie are being sold in U.S. stores.

Steven Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computer Inc., bought Pixar from LucasFilm Ltd. in 1986 and invested millions to build the company's systems. Mr. Jobs is Pixar's president, as well as chief executive of Next Computer Inc. He owns most of Pixar's shares.

As in other recent public offerings of Internet-related companies, Pixar appears likely to be given a market value that far exceeds what is typical for a company of its size. The company earned \$3.1 million on revenue of \$10.6 million in the first nine mooths of 1995.

Walt Disney Co. distributed "Toy Story," the first of three movies it has bired Pixar to create. (Bloomberg, AFX, AP)

Magic Is Gone for Hanson

By Erik Ipsen nal Herald Tribune

LONDON - Hanson PLC is expected to announce a hefty increase in full-year earnings Thursday, but stronger earnings are not enough for shareholders who see fewer targets ripe for the style of takeover that made the conglomerate a success.

Hanson is expected to post profit of between £1.3 billion and £1.45 billion (\$2 billion and \$2.2 billion), up from £1 billion a year earlier. The figures do not include the charges that Hanson often runs up as it buys and sells

Despite the earnings prospects, Hansoo's shares have fallen 16 percent so far this year. They ended at 193 pence Wednesday, up 6.

"Hanson's problems with investors are sentiment-driven, not oumbers-driven," said Robert Morton, an analyst with Charterhouse

Hansoo, with interests ranging from hydraulic cranes to coal mining, has grown so large that even a huge acquisition could do little more than create ripples on its bottom line.

Hansoo, with interests ranging from hydraulic like those of ITT Corp, and AT&T Corp, in the United States and Courtaulds PLC and Imperial Chemical Industries PLC in Britain.

But the sale of anything more than a few

Tilney Securities.

likely to be able to pull rabbits out of the hat," an analyst said, But Hanson, by all accounts, is still willing to

try. The problem is that the global supply of overweight, undermanaged companies ripe for a Hanson-style raid and restructuring has dried

Eastern Electricity PLC, for which it paid a heady £2.5 billion in August. In buying one of the best-run companies in the industry, Hansoo signaled the end of an era.

Investors were not pleased. Adrian Foulger, an analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, defined the purchase as ''dull.''

While Eastern is likely to generate plenty of cash flow through good economic cycles and bad, it also will subject Hanson to regulatory and possibly political risk should the Labor Party, with its stated intention of slapping a windfall profits tax on privatized utilities, win the next

In the nearer term, the problem with Eastern is that it has thrust Hanson into something of a financial straitjacket. The purchase left Hanson's debt-to-equity ratio above 130 percent, leaving it far too leveraged to do anything more exciting than quietly contemplate what divisions it must now sell off.

Some analysts said they hoped Hanson would In the near term, investors are worried that find inspiration from well-received break-ups

than create ripples on its bottom line.

"The long-term decline in Hanson's rating reflects the realization that it is less and less products businesses in the United States top most outsiders' lists of likely disposals - is considered unlikely.

In May, Hanson completed the demerger of a

group of American companies now called U.S. Industries Inc., with interests from whirlpool baths to auto parts to golf clubs and annual sales up in this low-inflation, cost-conscious era.

Instead, Hanson is left with choices like

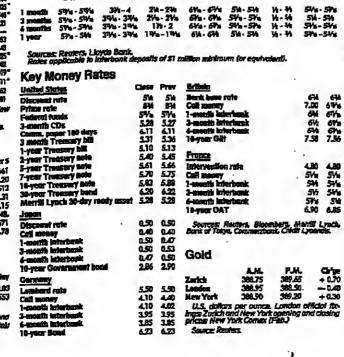
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Dresdner to Acquire Control of RCM FRANKFURT (Bloomberg) — Dresdner Bank AG said

Wednesday it would acquire a majority stake in RCM Capital Management from Travelers Group Inc. The bank did not say how much it would pay for the stake in the

San Francisco-based money manager, which currently has about ernment industrial policy. It suggests that mitting multiple programs with about the broadcasters get the channels. \$25 billion under management. A spokesman declined to comment on press reports that the price could reach \$500 million. Last month, Meinhard Carstensen, a member of Dresdner

Bank's management board, said the bank wanted to be "in the American market" and added, "We are near an accord." In July, Dresdner Bank made another foreign acquisition by buying the British merchant bank Kleinwort Benson Group PLC

for £1 billion (\$1.55 billion). Seagram Co. said a pretax charge of \$290 million to restructure its beverage businesses led to a third-quarter loss of \$55 million

for the quarter ended Oct. 31. It had posted a profit of \$52 million in the year-earlier quarter. • Rhône-Poulenc SA agreed to sell its 51 percent stake in its soda-ash unit Rhône-Poulenc of Wyoming to Oriental Chem-

ical Industries Co. for \$150 million. Soda ash is a raw material used mainly in glass manufacturing. • AT&T Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co., Intel Corp. and Hybrid

Networks Inc. said they would jointly develop products that would allow cable-TV companies to offer high-speed data-communications services so that personal computers could gain access to the Internet and on-line services using cable networks. (AFX, AP, Bloomberg)

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New TV System: Do Viewers Want It? Financial Stocks

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Eight years after initiating an industry race to develop highdefinition television, a Federal Communications Commission advisory panel has endorsed a new system that can deliver many as four programs at once over a

single channel.

The trouble is, no one knows what to do

Specialists agree the system is a technological marvel — so much so that Japan bas abandoned its own approach to offering wider and sharper images. But no one is sure whether consumers will want much as \$2,000 more than those available make a transition to new technology. today; nor do they know how best to use the

new technology.

Originally conceived as a way to deliver pictures as sharp and wide as those on film, the system that has emerged allows a television station to offer almost anything from paging services to pay-per-view movies. Congress and the FCC have begun to

reconsider the government's basic bargain with industry on developing a new system: that every television station would be given a second channel to carry out a transition to the new technology.

Some U.S. senators contend that television stations will be getting a chunk of the nation's airwaves worth as much as \$70 billion - even though it is no longer clear that the new service will be used to mod-

emize free, over-the-air television. The evolution of an "advanced television system" — the FCC's term — illustrates channels but be allowed to use them for chairman of Zenith, said the new sets could both the success and the pitfalls of gov- whatever purpose they chose - for trans-

On the one hand, the system developed by a consortium of electronics companies is of Broadcasters reversed course. Apparfar more advanced than anything that govsharper pictures, computer data and as erument officials had in mind when they started out in 1987. But the success of that system has raised new issues and confronted policy makers with a question they have least three hours a day of high-definition dodged for years: whether consumers care. programming.

Last month, Senate leaders inserted language into a major budget bill that would require the FCC to re-examine its entire the new sets, which will initially cost as assign new channels so broadcasters can In a speech last week, Reed E. Hundt, the

FCC's chairman, raised new questions about whether the government should be pushing a system that may compel consumers to spend billions of dollars on new equipment that few people want.

Mr. Hundt invoked the image of consumers being forced to spend \$75 billion to upgrade old television sets 10 or 15 years from now as TV stations give up old frequencies and shift to a new system.

The broadcasting industry, meanwhile, is deeply divided. Broadcasters are insisting that the government give every TV station a second channel for the transition to new digital transmission technology.

mand for these services. Until recently, industry groups wanted to receive new

markets, not governments, that matter teractive games and other subscriptionhased services.

But last week the National Association ently fearful that Congress and the FCC would not give them the frequencies they expected, the group endorsed the idea of requiring a television station to carry at

On Tuesday, after more than a year of testing, a special advisory committee to the FCC recommended that the government policy toward advanced television and re-consider whether the agency should even companies known as the Grand Alliance as a new technical standard for broadcasting what it calls advanced television service.

> The alliance consists of companies that joined forces in 1993, at the end of a grueling competition staged by the FCC to set the new standard. The members include General Instrument Corp.; Zenith Electronics, which is controlled by LG Electronics of South Korea; AT&T Corp.; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a consortium led by Philips Electronics NV, NBC and the David Samoff Research Center.

The new system beams programming entirely in digital form — the 1's and 0's of computer code. It can transmit pictures that are twice as wide and have twice as many line of resolution as ordinary television. But the system can also be used to si-At the same time, many broadcasters multaneously beam three or four programs remain uncertain about the consumer de- of "standard" resolution, or a mix of programming and pure data communications.

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The acquisition spurred hopes that more financial companies will combine as a way to cut costs and increase profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.46 points, to 5,105.56, on its sixth straight

U.S. STOCKS

record-breaking day. Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones by a 6-to-5 margin. The blue-chip index has risen percent so far this year.

The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index rose 7.52 points, to 1,057.56, as Internet stocks and other computer-re-

lated issues gained. Among the financial stocks that gained were Merrill Lynch. up 1 1/8 at 55%, and Morgan Stanley, which rose 11/2 to 851/2. Aetna fell 31/2 to 72 as investors feared a temporary loss of income from the sale.

The price of the benchmark 32, to 109 7/32, pushing its earnings more than doubled. yield down to 6.21 percent from 22 percent.

Analysts said better-than-exyear notes suggested that in- cent from 45.5 percent. vestor interest in U.S. government securities had not faded.

Bonds were also helped by expectation that Congress and President Bill Clinton may soon agree on a plan to balance the federal budget, traders said. day, when its policy-making council

Spending cuts could drive meets. Recent evidence that German inyields lower by curbing the flation remains subdued could leave room Treasury's need to sell new securities.

Drug shares also helped fuel The dollar rose to 1.4370 DM from the rise in the Dow Jones av-1.4330 DM on Tuesday, to 4.9462 French erage. Merck rose 11/2 to 601/2 francs from 4.9155 francs and to 1.1653 after the company's board authorized a repurchase of S3 billion of common stock.

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Technology issues were "leaning toward the strong side," said William R. Rothe, head of Nasdaq trading at Alex. Brown & Sons Inc. in Baltimore, The sector got a lift from an initial public offering by Pixar, a digital animation studio whose share price nearly doubled from its \$22 offering price.

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Among declining stocks, Motorola fell 3% to oI anud concern that the pace of cellular phone sales has slowed in the fourth quarter from a year ago. Nokia, Motorola's Finnish competitors saw its American depositary receipts slide 1% to 55¼.

"I don't think cellular handset sales will revive in the fourth quarter, said Mona Eraiba, an analysi at Gruntal & Co. "There was a big spike in fourth-quarter cellular phone orders last year because a lot of distributors and operators overordered. We don't expect that to happen this year.

Motorola's drop overshadowed gains in other technology companies.

Shares in Applied Materials: which makes equipment for semiconductor jumped 1% to 48 1/8 after the 30-year Treasury bond rose 16/ company said its fourth-quarter The company said its gross margin - the percentage of revenue that remains after the pected demand for the Trea- cost of manufacturing is subsury's sale of \$12 billion of five- tracted - widened to 46.6 per-

Among computer-related issues. Sun Microsystems finished 21/4 higher, at 841/4, 3Com rose 1% to 46%, and Texas Instruments rose 1 1/8 to 591/2.

Sbares of companies that make products for the Interner rallied for a second day. Optimism spread that demand for new types of computer software and equipment will grow as more businesses and consumers use on-line services.

Spyglass Inc. soared 14¼ to 111¼, Netscape jumped 9 to 140. Uunet Technologies was on of common stock. up 4 1/8 at 80%, and Netcom
Eli Lilly shares edged up % On-Line Communication Ser-

(Bloomberg, AP)

Dollar Rises on European Rate Hopes

Bloomberg Business News

Wednesday as investors continued to bank on the potential for rate cuts in Germany

Analysts said Britain may have to cut rates soon to belp meet the economic rates, fast," said Carl Weinberg, chief growth forecasts set forth in the government's 1996-97 budget, which was unveiled Tuesday. (Page 17)
The chancellor of the Exchequer, Ken-

neth Clarke, said he had not yet decided whether rates should come down. He is scheduled to discuss monetary

policy with the governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, on Dec. 13.

"The only way the government can Deutsche mark by talk that the Bundesbank NEW YORK -- The dollar rose come even remotely close to making this might trim interest rates as soon as Thursbudget work out as planned is to cut base

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economist at High Frequency Economics. The pound fell to \$1.5350 from \$1.5430 on Tuesday,

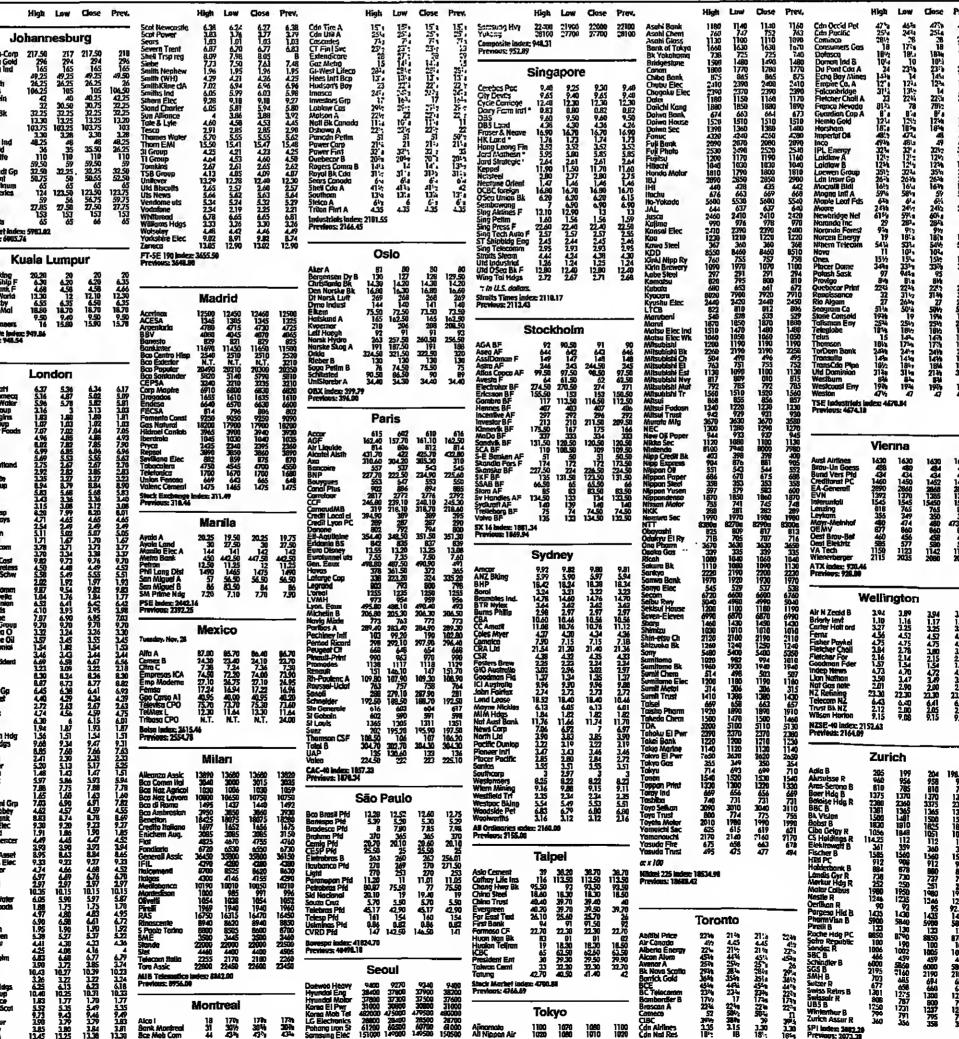
'Sterling was the main event today,' said Kevin Lawrie, foreign-exchange manager at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. We had a sell-off after that unspec-

tacular budget.' The dollar was lifted against the analysts said.

Swiss francs from 1.1575 francs. It also gained to 101.55 yen from 101.20 yen. Speculation that Switzerland's central bank would match any interest-rate cut in

Germany pushed down the Swiss franc,

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Hoechst to Sel Construction Unit To Sharpen Focus

FRANKFURT — Hoechst AG said Wednesday it had thorities. agreed to sell its Uhde GmbH unit to Fried. Krupp AG
Hoesch-Krupp as part of its efBASF: List Rebounds fort to focus on its chemical and pharmaceutical businesses.

disclose terms, but a spokesman for Hoechst said media reports putting the price at about 700 million Deutsche marks (\$487.7 million) were "not totally unrealistic.

Other recent reports said Metallgesellschaft AG had bid billion DM ao Schwarzheide 600 million DM for the unit, to rejuvenate the polyurethane which specializes in the construction of chemical plants. Unde has about 880 million DM in annual sales worldwide.

Krupp said the purchase would help it increase annual sales at its international engineering and plant-making operations to about 2.5 billion DM. The company added that it considered plant construction "an de would teak even on opattractive and promising busi-

Uhde, based in Dormund, has about 3,400 employees and around 200million DM below an order book valued at about the 1994 bure," Mr. Strube Uhde, based in Dortmund, 2.3 billion DM, Hoechst said, said, addin that the company The company builds factories for the chemical and energy industries and makes environ- Mr. Strue said sales would

continuing with its strategy of 30 percent ext year.

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(Blumberg, Reuters)

BASF AG aid its East German unit, BAIF Schwarzheide The companies refused to GmbH, would finally break even this yearsfter five years of heavy investent. Reuters reported from hwarzheide.

The chaical company joined the run into the Eastern state of Brasienburg in Octo-ber 1990 and has poured 1.3 manufacture

BASF sat it has absorbed about 1 billou DM in losses ince acquiring the company.

"For Scharzheide we have the absolute will to invest permanently an reap the results."

Jurgen Stree, BASF's management bord chairman, said.

Mr. Struk said Schwarzheierations the year and sharply narrow its retax loss.

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2 Countries Hope for Lower Rates Will Bundesbank Cut? U.K. Gilts Get a Boost

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatche

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank unexpectedly raised its key money-market rate Wednesday, but economists said the increase — the first in three years — had not eliminated the possibility that the German central bank would cut its discount

rate at a meeting Thursday. The Bundesbank raised its securities-repurchase rate one basis point, or hundredth of a percentage point, to 3.98 percent. It was only the second increase since Dec. 4, 1992.

The so-called repo rate is the rate at which banks repurchase bills from the central bank to improve their liquidity.

But there has been active speculation that the time was right for the central bank to cut the discount rate - at which

commercial banks borrow from the central bank — to stimulate Germany's sluggish economy. Economists said the argument for a lower discount rate

remained intact. "I think this has nothing at all to do with discount-rate policy," Andy Bosomworth, an economist at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Frankfurt, said of the repo-rate increase. "This move was due to technical market factors.

Economists attributed the rate increase to cautious bidding by banks facing a liquidity squeeze to meet the central bank's endof-the-month reserve requirements, not to Bundesbank policy.

Many also said the Bundesbank had made last-minute artempts to keep the repo rate steady by injecting 11 hillion Deutsche marks (\$7.69 billion) into money markets this week to ease

Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer said the repo-rate increase was no cause for alarm. 'Our policy hasn't changed at all," he said. That policy was viewed as promising a discountrate eut soon, economists and fund managers said.

Germany last trimmed rates in August, when it cut its most important rates by half a percentage point. The discount rate, which serves as a floor on the country's range of money-market interest rates, now stands at 3.50 perceot, while the Lombard rate, the de facto ceiling oo rates, is 5.50 perceut.

Of 20 economists polled this week, eight said they expected Germany to cut rates Thursday, and five said the move would come at the Bundesbank's last policy meeting of the year, on

Dec. 14. The other seven expected a rate cut next year. Of those expecting a rate cut Thursday, most said the Bundesbank would cut the discount rate a quarter of a point, but some said a 50-basis-point cut would be more typical of the bank.

Hopes for a rate cut have been supported by economie data showing the German economy was stagnant in the third quarter. "There are oo arguments against a rate cut and many supporting t," said Elizabeth Legge, an analyst at Dresdner Bank AG.

Bloomberg Business News

LONDON — Prices of government bonds rose Wednesday amid hopes that the chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, will cut interest rates to meet his target of 3 percent economic growth next year.

In the third quarter of this year, the British economy expanded just 2.1 percent from the like period a year earlier, the lowest rate since the second quarter of 1993.

The benchmark 8.5 percent 10-year government bond rose 9/ 32, pushing the yield down four basis points, to 7.59 percent. The yield, which fell to a 19-month low of 7.53 percent

Monday, was 7.76 percent a week ago.
"The market is moving ahead on hopes of lower rates," said Michael Burke, strategist at Citibank.

Traders said short-dated government securities, or gilts, which are more sensitive to changes in official interest rates, were particularly benefiting from talk of lower rates. Gilts fell Wednesday, pushing yields up from 19-month lows, after the chancellor in his budget presentation to Par-

liament raised his forecast of government borrowing.

A higher-than-expected deficit means more new bonds will have to be sold to finance it, which could reduce the value of bonds now in circulation.

"The initial gilt-market reaction to the budget was too pes-simistic." said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International. "Interest rates were the missing ingredient, and if they are cut, this will offset the disappointment in the market."

Still, the revisions to the deficit forecast come at a sensitive time fur the market, considering the Bank of England's anouncement Wednesday that it will sell £3 billioo (\$4.65 billiou) of 7.5 percent gilts due in 2006 on Dec. 6.

These were the same bonds that failed to sell out when the

central bank put £3 billion of them on sale in September. It was the first time that British authorides had failed to sell all the bonds on offer.

While new bond supply is likely to remain a concern, analysts say gilt prices probably will be supported by expectations of

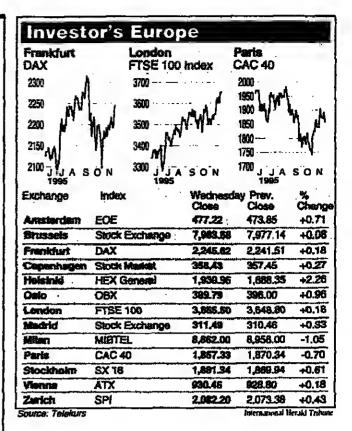
lower interest rates.

'Although the deficit forecasts focus attention on supply, the market is really going to be more interested in the chances of a rate cut, and this oow seems more likely following the budget."

Mr. Burke at Ciobank said. Rate-cut expectations also got a boost after Halifax Building Society, Britain's largest mortgage lender, cut its standard variable-mortgage rate by a quarter-point, to 7.74 percent, and Abbey

National Bank cut its rate to 7.79 percent from 7.99 percent. "They probably feel, along with everyone else, that the next move in base rates is down," said Ciaran Barr, economist at

(Reuters, Bloomberg) Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.



Very briefly:

 Russia will lend \$100 million to the country's cash-strapped national carriers to lease Russian-made planes, said Vadim Zamotin, a Transport Ministry official.

• Inkombank, Rossiisky Credit Bank and Alfabank, three of Russia's largest banks, said the government was breaking its own rules for the sale of state assets and said they would go to court if the pending sale of Yukos AO, the country's second-largest oil company, was not stopped.

 Audi AG, a unit of Volkswagen AG, expects to have a profit at its Hungarian subsidiary in 1995 and said the unit's export sales for the year were expected to be more than 280 million Deutsche marks (\$195.4 million).

• Finnair posted a profit of 462.3 million markka (\$108.4 million) for the six months ended in September, up 54 percent from a year earlier, as passenger traffic rose 10.5 percent and cargo transport rose 9.7 percent.

 Visa International said it would open a Middle East regional office in Dubai, the commercial hub of the United Arab Emirates, after cardholder expenditure in the region rose 43 percent in the year ended in June, to \$1.97 billion.

 Vendex International NV, a Dutch retailer, will acquire Van Eijk Uitzendgroep BV and Interim France Onest SA, temporary-employment agencies based in the Netherlands and France. Terms were not disclosed.

 Gazprom, Russia's gas monopoly, suspended talks with Larvia on the possibility of buying a stake in Latvijas Gaze, the Baltie state's gas company, citing uncertainty over Latvia's privatization plans and a government crisis.

• Flextech PLC is in talks with Fox Television to sell a stake in its Starstream children's television channel, a move that would strengthen links between News Corp. and Tele-Communications Inc.; TCI has a 60.4 percent interest in Flextech, and News Corp., which is controlled by Rupert Murdoch, owns Fox.

AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters

German and Dutch Steel Firms Ask U.S. to Lift Sanctions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - German and Dutch seel mills subject to anti-dumping and other dries are seeking to revive a 3-year-old dispute that oegan with U.S. charges of unfair trade practices against 21 countries.

Four companies asked the U.S. trade officials Tuesday to lift the sanctions, saying the had been based on perceived threats that nevermaterialized. They also said changing global conditions had made the duties unnecessary.

The companies seeking to reopen the case were Hoogovens Groep BV of the Netherlands and Krupp Hoesch Stahl AG, Prenssag Stahl AG and Thyssen Stahl AG of Germany. The commission also imposed similar duties against South Korean mills, but they did not join in the request.

"All this is doing is penalizing the American consumers of steel products such as the automobile industry and the appliance industry." said Peter O. Suchman, a lawyer for the European companies. "It's driving up the cost of steel."

Duties on cold-rolled carboo steel, the type remain competitive. He said U.S. steel companies used in automobiles and refrigerators, were imposed by the International Trade Commission in competitors, placing them at a disadvantage. 1993 to protect the American steel industry from

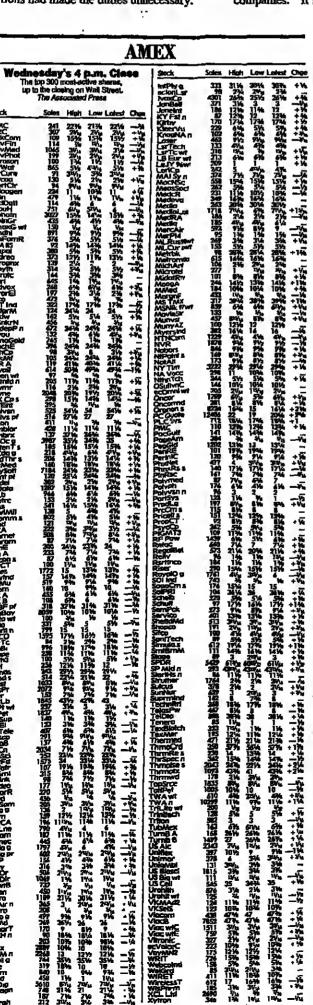
complaints filed by American steel companies.

Mark Stephenson, a spokesman for the American Iron and Steel Institute, said he had not seen the filing and could not comment, but he said the U.S. seed industry would continue fighting to thousands of jobs.

The Commerce Department determined that what it said were unfair trade practices. cold-rolled steel products from the companies in The action followed the filing of dozens of trade

question were being sold at less than fair market value. The department also determined that German imports were being unfairly subsidized by the government. In its complaints, the U.S. industry charged that unfair practices had cost

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Japan's Insurers Predict Dismal Yearly Results

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ending March 31.
"We did not write off our "We did not write off our bad loans in the fiscal first half," said Ikuo Uoo, execuove vice president at Nippon Life Insurance Co., Japan's largest with 170 tillion yen (\$1.67 Insurance Co., Japan's largest life insurer. "When we do, the

situation will be very tough."
The eight companies — Nippon, Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Co., Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Co., Sumitomo Life Insurance Co., Meiji Mutual Life Insurance Co., Yasuda high return they promised to Mutual Life Insurance Co., Mitsui Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Chiyoda Mutual Life Insurance Co. — are owned by policyholders as mutual firms,

Data Make Stocks Fall In Tokyo

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TOKYO — Stocks fell Wednesday after the gov-emment released disap-

pointing economic data.
Industrial production
rose 1.2 percent in October from September, just half the rate of increase economists had predicted. Analysts said weak demand had left manufacturers with excess inventories.

The benchmark Nikkei stock average dropped 154.44 points, or 0.8 percent, to 18,533.98.

Sales at major retailers fell 3.2 percent in October from a year earlier, the government said. Sales have either declined or been unchanged oow for 11 months as consumers remain concerned about job security, economists said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

successful launch of the

satellite provides a major lift for

back on track, analysts said

A Chinese Long March 2E rocket launched from south-

western China carried the \$200

million AsiaSat-2, owned by

Asia Satellite Telecommunica-

tions Ltd. of Hong Kong, into

AsiaSat-2 was the first com-

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. Seven e the eight insurers said premim income fell in the half-year sded Sept. 30. Overall, premen income for the eight life asurers fell 6.2 per-cent, to 1 5.33 billion yen.

Nipponwas the only insurer to report rise in premium income for he period — a 3.7 percent gan, to 3.03 trillion yen
— while Chiyoda's income dropped the most, 26 percent, to 481.9 billon yen.

Consumers who bought policies whe interest rates were higher lotted in guaranteed returns of a much as 7 percent, said Kauhiko Ogata, an ecocomis at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd. They continue

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"This occasion is every bit as

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ey, chief executive of STAR.

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(Reuters, Bloomberg) Satellite Lifts Fortunes 200 rupees since July 1993.

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China Yields a Little Banking Turf First Private Lender Since the 1950s Is About to Open

Standing Firm on Yuan

BEDING - China said Wednesday that foreign banks were

still forbidden from conducting business in local currency, deflecting arguments that such liberalization was vital to max-

imizing the banks' potential to develop China's economy.

"There is oo concrete timetable," Di Weiping, an official at

conducting foreign-currency business and cannot take deposits

in Chinese yuan. Foreign bankers have argued that the rule

it will be decided by the State Council," he said.

BELJING - A career banker. Wei Shenghong is professionals to wear a Chairman Mao pin in his lapel.

Mr. Wei has been picked to help run the first private bank to be established in China since the Communist Party tonk over the natioo's banks in the early 1950s.

Minsheng (or "People's Livelihood") Bank may not be much of a threat when it opens its first branch next month, assuming it receives the expected final approval from Beijing. It will have only 3 billion yuan (\$361 million) in capital put up by 60 en-trepreneurs across China.

In addition, it will hardly be what Westerners think of as a private bank — a stately thick-carpeted bastion of old money where financial advice is doled out to the wealthy.

Yet as a bank that operates largely free of government control, it will be one of the few places where China's growing middle class can get car and home loans. For businesses, the bank is supposed to offer a chance to borrow based on one's balance sheet, rather than on what officials the applicant happens to know.

Banking is one of the last economic sectors into which China has allowed competition because the government has traditionally exerted much of its control by deciding who

In Reliance

in China's financial reforms probably one of the few such said Mr. Wei, 51, the bank's executive vice president.

With China dabbling in privatized banking, only a few Communist countries remain committed to total government control of lending.

Since the late 1970s, when China began to encourage free enterprise by letting farmers grow what they wanted, people have been carrying more cash in their wallets. Private busine

count for half of China's \$530 billion economy, up from 10 long way from the days when a

did and did not receive loans. movie tickets. But with the borrower defaulted. For the "It's a major breakthrough consumer revolution well past 40 years, Chinese banks consumer revolution well past 40 years, Chinese banks along, there is a rising demand for loans to buy cars and apart- state-owned companies or to ments. Minsheng plans to ne-gotiate with First Auto Works Co., China's higgest car mak- ple is supposed to belong. er, to jointly finance car loans.

> home loans is likely to soar as China grows, analysts say, noting that only one in 10 Beijing residents owns a home. Moreover, there are few competitors for Minsheng. None of China's hig state

banks makes what Westerners think of as consumer loans.

The People's Construction percent 15 years ago. It is a Bank has just begun making home loans to people who can worker's collective provided get a company to guarantee the housing and parceled out ev- loan. In those cases, the comerything from bicycles to pany would have to pay if the

have lent almost entirely to the work units to which every one of China's 1.2 billion peo-The government, unwilling

Demand for housing and to let the huge companies go bankrupt, required institutions such as Bank of China, Industrial & Commercial Bank of China and Agricultural Bank of China - the country's three largest banks - to lend to the companies despite the risks. Those banks are carrying heavy loads of bad loans from decades of lending on Beijing's orders.

Minsheng, on the other hand, says it will be lending heavily to private businesses that often are squeezed out of government credit quotas by bettersays it will be making loan de-cisions based solely on whether the company is a good credit risk. Minsheng said it also would eventually offer automatic teller machines and other features of Western banking.

Minsheng will not be competing by dropping interest rates on loans or raising rates the department of foreign financial institutions at the People's Bank, China's central bank, said when asked when the restriction might be lifted. It will be done 'at the appropriate time on deposits. The government sets interest rates on one-year loans at 12 percent for every lender. Deposits pay 11 percent. There are no exceptions.

The People's Bank has approved more than 110 foreign bank branches in 24 cities in China, but they are restricted to But analysts say the bank will have one secret weapon efficient service, which is hard to find in the public sector.

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Very briefly:

Investor's Asia

 Australia's economy grew a greater-than-expected 1.6 percent in the third quarter and 3.3 percent in the first nine months; analysts said a jump in exports, a recovery in rural areas and a buildup in inventories pushed growth higher.

 Ayala Corp.'s profit for the first nine months rose 42 percent from a year earlier, to 3.74 hillion Philippine pesos (\$142.9 million); the property company said profit based on recurring income grew 59 perceot.

 Philippine National Bank said the government would reduce its stake in the country's largest bank to 47 percent from 57 percent by selling shares and warrants beginning next week.

Indian Oil Corp.'s first-half profit rose 12 percent, to 7.42 billion rupees (\$212.5 million); the refining and distribution company said sales rose 11 percent, to 153.3 hillion rupees.

 India's software industry, which is growing at an annual rate of 40 percent, is likely to have annual sales of \$5 billion by 2000, executives said; the industry had sales of \$835 million last year. Indonesia, which will probably become a net importer of oil early

in the next century, needs to offer incentives for exploration to reverse a drop in the drilling of new wells, the U.S. Embassy said. • Siam Cement Co.'s profit fell 15 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, to 1.32 billion baht (\$52.4 million); sales rose 24 percent, to 21.9 billion babt. The company said heavy rains had

caused project delays. United Microelectronics Corp., a Taiwan-based producer of semiconductors, plans to sell about \$360 million of shares overseas; the money will be used to fund new investment

 Lyonnaise des Eaux SA of France and New World Development Co. of Hong Kong signed a \$25 million waterunion would take the move as 'a treatment contract with the Chinese city of Chongqing.

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BOMBAY — Shares in Reliance Industries Ltd., the largest private company in India, fell 5 percent Wednesday, a day after the polyester manufacturer said it would remove its shares from the Bombay bond investments, closed at Stock Exchange.

2.625 perent Wednesday.

The stock, which accounts for

about 18 percent of the value of shares traded on the country's largest exchange, dropped 10.50 rupees, to 198:50 rupees (\$5.68), the first time it had closed below

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Shares Drop Boeing Explores China Copter Venture

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. has disclosed that it is holding talks with a Chinese aircraft manufacturer about joint production of a commercial version of Boeing's Chinook helicopter in China

A spokesman for the aerospace concern said Boeing was negotiating with Harbin Aircraft Manufacturing Co., which makes light-transport aircraft and helicopters, to build the 234 Commercial Chinook, a civilian

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Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers over the loss of jobs to non-U.S. subcontractors. The striking machinists are not involved in the Mr. Satterfield said a decimanufacture of the helicopters. But Anthony Forte, a union

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Taiwan to Open Further

TAIPEI — Taiwan plans to end a ban on investment by foreign individuals at the country's stock exchange by the end of February, Securioes and Exchange Commission Chairman Chen Shuh said Wednesday.

"It's a huge relief for the for the first time," be said.

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Taiwan has allowed direct investment at the exchange by foreign financial institutions since 1991, and about \$10 billion has flowed into the country as a result.

Under tentative new rules, foreign individuals would be allowed to huy as much as \$5 million of local shares annually, but authorities added that details still had be worked out.

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of LUXOR INVESTMENT COMPANY will be held at the Registered Office in Luxembourg, 10A, Boulevard Royal, on: Wednesday 13th December, 1995 at 14 hours. for purpose of considering the following Agenda:

To receive and adopt the Management Report of the Directors for the year to 30th September 1995. To receive and adopt the Report of the Auditor for the year to 30th September 1995.

To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the year to 30th September 1995. To appropriate the earnings To grant discharge to the Directors in respect of the

execution of their mandates to 30th September 1995. To receive and act on the statutory nomination for election of the Auditor for a new term of one year

The resolutions will be carried by a majority of those present or The Shareholders on record at the date of the meeting are entitled to vote or give proxies. Proxies should arrive at the Registered Office of

the Company not later than twenty-four hours before the Meeting. The present notice and a form have been sent to all shareholders on

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World Roundup



Tom Kite, 1992 U.S. Open winner, will lead U.S. Ryder Cup team.

Kite Is Ryder Captain

GOLF Tom Kite, one of the steadiest players on the PGA Tour for nearly a quarter of a century, will be captain of the U.S. Ryder Cup team for the 1997 matches in Spain.

The American team lost to Europe

in Rocbester, New York, in September and has won only two of the last six Ryder Cups.

Kite, who will soon be 46, joined the tour in 1972. He bas won 19 tournaments and is second to Greg Norman on its career money-winning list. His greatest victory was in the 1992 U.S. Open at Pehble Beach. In Ryder Cup competition, he has 15 victories, nine losses and four ties.

Ajax Flies Into Trouble

SOCCER The street party to welcome Ajax Amsterdam bome from Tokyo, where it won the world club championship, was postponed after the team's flight had to return to Nari-ta Airport. The team's KLM charter flight was refused entry to Siberian air space by Russian authorities because the Dutch airline had no clearance for (Reuters)

• UEFA, European soccer's governing body, banned Graeme Le Sanx and David Batty of the Blackburn Rangers for two European matches for "grossly unsporting conduct" after they fought each other during a Champions' League game in Moscow last week. The referee's report did not mention the incident. However, UE-FA said it made its decision "on the basis of new facts." It did not say what these were. The English FA, which has no jurisdiction over European matches, had asked UEFA to punish

the players.

The Liberian international George Weah, who plays for AC Milan, has been voted the best African footballer of 1995, by the Confederation of African Football. Japhet Ndoram of Chad, who helped Nantes to win the French league, was secood; Finidi George of Nigeria and Ajax Amsterdam was third. (Reuters)

Wales Appoints Professional

RUGBY UNION Wales appointed Kevin Bowring as its first full-time national coach. He was appointed for four years. Bowring bas been in-volved with coaching Welsh representative teams for six years with successive jobs at under-20, under-21 and A team levels. (Reuters)

India Thrashes Kiwis

CRICKET India thrashed New Zealand by six wickets in Bombay in the sixth and final one-day interna-tional to win the series, 3-2. New Zealand was all out for a paitry 126 runs, its lowest score in limited overs (Reuters)



UN Peacekeepers Make Their Mark on Sarajevo Rugby Field

A rugby match Wednesday between a Bosnian team and a British-French team of United Nations peacekeepers in Sarajevo. Bosnia-Herzegovina, was marked by a brawl. The team from the industrial city of Zenica beat the peacekeepers, 8-7. Zenica had been the Bosnian champion before the war. Major Tom Ellen, a British Army officer who helped arrange the match, said: "The fight began in earnest, but it ended up a friendly scuffle." About 1.000 Bosnian soldiers, civilians and UN peacekeepers watched the game in Sarajevo's Zetra Stadium, where the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Winter Olympics were held.

Mourning's 38 Points Put Heat on Stars

The Associated Press

It was a big night for the big guys. Alonzo Mourning had 38 points and 10 rebounds as the Miami Heat beat the Dallas Stars, 111-89; Hakeem Olajuwon had 30 points and 19 rebounds in the Houston Rockets' 116-103 victory over the Los

NBA ROUNDUP

Angeles Clippers, and Patrick Ewing had 35 points and 10 rebounds for the New York Knicks in a 102-97 overtime loss to Atlanta. All three centers hit seasoo scoring highs Tuesday night. Olajuwon's rebounds and

six assists also were season bests. "The most important thing was that it came in the flow of my game," Olajuwon said. "The coaches were stressing rebounding, and I made a conscious effort to get the job done."

Olajuwon averaged 30 points and 71 percent shooting in three games against the Clippers last season, but this year's team is

'The Clippers have improved tremeodously this year," the Rockets' guard Kenny Smith said. "Every game is tough in our

league, oothing is simple." Olajuwoo made it look simple, though,

hitting all eight free throws and 11 of 19 shots from the field.

The Clippers stayed close in the first Rockets slowly took control and built a 100-84 lead with 7:28 left.

points during an 11-0 charge that closed the juwon broke Houston's scoreless streak with 3:59 remaining, and the Rockets reasserted themselves. Clyde Drexler added 27 points and Bobby Phills 21 to

Mourning hit 16 of 21 shots and even made a three-pointer in his best game since coming to the Heat in a six-player deal on

"I knew, in time, it was going to come," Mourning said. "Everybody was expecting me to leap tall buildings in a single Miami, off to its best start ever at 8-3, has

beaten Dallas eight consecutive times. The visiting Mavericks had 22 turnovers, and Miami converted them into 31 points. Jamal Mashburn led the Mavericks with

24 points, while Jim Jackson added 17.

Hawks 102, Knicks 97, Craig Ehlo broke up Ewing's pass and made two free throws with 10 seconds left in overtime as Atlanta ended New York's five-game winning

Steve Smith led the visiting Hawks with 25 points, including three of Atlanta's seven in overtime. After Ehlo stole the ball from Ewing, be was fouled by the Knicks' ceoter and made both free throws to seal the Hawks' seveoth victory in 10 games. Nets 89, Bullets 84 Armoo Gilliam hit

two key baskets and a free throw down the stretch to help New Jersey end a four-game losing streak by beating Washington. Gilliam bad 17 points and 16 rebounds.

The Nets are unbeaten in five games at half, trailing 58-50 at intermission. But the home, but have lost all eight of their road games.

Kenny Anderson finished with 14 points Charles Outlaw, a reserve, scored six and 11 assists for the Nets, while Jayson Williams added 12 points and 14 rebounds. Clippers to 100-95 with 4:10 left. But Ola- Juwan Howard led the Bullets with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

for Houston. Loy Vaught paced the Clippers lead Cleveland past Toronto. Brandon with 18 points and 10 rebounds. to hold off a Torooto rally sparked by Damon Stoudamire, the rookie guard, who

led the visiting Raptors with 18 points. The Raptors were without two key players, the center Oliver Miller and forward Carlos Rogers. Miller sprained an ankle during Toronto's victory over Golden State on Monday night and did not make the trip. Rogers complained of an upset stomach before the game and did not suit up.

Timberwolves 121, Grizzlies 98 Micheal Williams, benched for two straight games, sparked a 10-0 run starting the fourth quarter to lead Minnesota over Vancouver, send-

ing the Grizzlies to their 12th straight loss. Williams made all 14 of his free-throw attempts and scored 18 points, including six during the run. Christian Laettner and Sam Mischell also scored 18 points for the Wolves. Greg Anthony had 23 for Van-couver, and Kenny Gattison added 20.

Hornets 106, Bucks 98 Khalid Reeves came off the bench to score 19 points, and Charlotte held off a third-quarter rally at Milwaukee.

Referee William Kennedy called five technical fouls and ejected the Homets coach, Allan Bristow, late in the first quarter and the Bucks' Vin Baker in the third pe-

Glenn Robinson bad 28 points and 11 rebounds for Milwaukee.

Pacers 102, SuperSonics 101 Mark Jackson scored eight of Indiana's last 13 points, including the winning free throw with seven-tenths of a second left.

The Pacers beat the Sonics for the second time this seasoo and broke Seattle's threegame wirning streak. It was the Sonics' first loss in six home games this season.

Reggie Miller led Indiana with 28

points, including a 14-footer with 18 seconds left that tied the score at 101-101. Gary Payton paced the Sonics with 24. Kings 91, Nuggets 85 Sarunas Marciulionis, a reserve, triggered a 7-0 run late in

the fourth quarter, boosting Sacramento over Denver. Marciulionis broke a 74-74 tie with a pair of free throws. After Mitch Richmond scored on a running one-hander, Marci-

ulionis's three-point shot gave the Kings a seven-point lead with 2:03 remining. Richmond led the Kings with 22 points. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf led the Nuggets

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Tyson Bout Put in Doubt By Don King Connection

The Associated Press

Don't make plans to see Mike Tyson fight Buster Mathis Ir. just yet. New Jersey gambling authorities say a Tyson-Mathis bout planned in Atlantic

City on Dec. 16 would violate a 1994 ban preventing the promoter Don King from doing business with the casinos. The state Casino Control Commission

was to vote Wednesday on whether the fight will be held as planned at Convention "I have some serious objections to the

fight as it was proposed by King and the Trump organization," said Frank Catania, director of the state's Division of Gaming Tysoo's co-manager said Tuesday the

yson-Mathis deal is done. 'The fight is on,' John Horne said. The fight would be Tyson's second since he was released from an Indiana prison on

March 25. He bear Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds on Aug. 19 in Lus Vegas. He was supposed to fight Mathis on Nov. 4 in Lus Vegas but fractured his right thumb in training. Tyson is scheduled to challenge the WBC champion, Frank Bruno, on March 16 at the MGM Grand to Las Vegas.

Donald Trump asked the commission to let King assign the rights to someone else for nominal consideration.

"If they say no, we don't have a fight,"

The ban against King was issued in August 1994 after he was indicted on wire fraud charges. His trial recently ended in a mistrial. The retrial in that case is likely to happen between April and July. The New York Times reported Wednesday.

 Panos Eliades, who represents Lennox Lewis, said he will offer Riddick Bowe £6 million (\$9.2 million) to fight Lewis in March or April, Reuters reported.

400 Olympic Dates Sold Out

ATLANTA - The mail-order operation for Olympic tickets closes down after Fri-

day, and organizers are plotting how to sell the remaining seats next year.
About 3.2 million tickets have been sold to 337,000 people since May —all through mail order. Seven million tickets were

made available to the U.S. public.

"We're very pleased. That's a success any way you cut it," Scott Anderson, the top ticket official for the Atlanta games, said.

People want to go to the event of the

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said 400 of the 546 ticketed sessions at the Summer Games are sold out, including almost all the marquee events. About 4 million seats were previously set aside for

sponsors, international sales and VIPs, After Friday, no more requests will be

months, Anderson said, the committee will close mail-order accounts, finalize scating assignments and prepare for the launch of phone sales.

"We've still got plenty of seats to sell."

Anderson said. "The challenge ahead is baseball, field hockey and soccer." These are the events for which many tickets re-

The difficulty of selling soccer and baseball, relatively weak draws to begin with, is compounded by the fact that those two

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sports have multiple dates in large arenas. Marketing programs narrowly aimed at selling baseball and soccer tickets are being developed. Anderson said, some in conjunction with Olympic sponsors.
"There will be some creative things,"

Anderson said.

Laurie Olsen, a committee spokeswoman, said: "It is possible customers will accepted until February, wheo orders will receive confirmations in time for Christbe taken by telephone. Over the next two mas, but it is not guaranteed."

A Rotten Year for Mascots

The Associated Press

LL OF a sudden, it's open season on mascots. Whether it's a sign of service of sport is safe anymore.

On Monday, a jury awarded \$100,000 Phillie Phanaric. And the Phanatic got events befell some of her colleagues: off that Cheap only because he had a good

"It's been a really, really, rotten Inc., the nation's only training center for from the Yankees.

professional fuzzballs. "There are more of us and we're being who worked as a mascot for a dozen stunts, flashier routines, more involvement with the fans and the community," which means that "the opportunities for Atlanta.

something to go wrong have increased as "On top of that you've got two movies
Ace Ventura" and I forget the other one — that have mascots getting slugged, he said. "Then there's that funoy ad on ESPN where the mascot follows the guy into the parking lot just begging

to get slugged.
"No wonder people are getting so brazen."

For example: The first weekend this mooth marked the secood time the Oregoo State mascot, Benny Beaver, got

"I love doing it," said Marri Hollen, the 5-foot-9 (1.75-meter), 130-pound

(59-kilogram) woman inside the costume. "But I'm fed np with being hit." Without warning, and just after Arizona scored the go-ahead touchdown, Holleo got smacked by the Wildcats tackle Frank Middleton, who stands 6-

foot-5 and weighs 305 pounds.

being shoved into a concrete wall by the 6-foot-6, 330-pound Terik Glenn of California. At least he had an excuse: Just the times or something more sin-ister, no one wearing a silly suit in the tapped Glenn with an inflatable plastic hammer,

The way things have been going for to a 72-year-old man belly-bumped to the trade, Hollen probably considers herthe ground at a church carnival by the self lucky. In the span of few weeks, these

 In the middle of a roller-blading stunt, the Scattle Mariners mascot, Moose, ran into a wall and broke an year." said Dean Schoenewald, owner ankle. His consolation? He can claim it of Nashville-based Pro Mascot Services, rallied Seattle to take the division series

• The Cleveland Indians mascot, Slider, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in asked to do more," said Schoenewald, his knee falling six feet off an outfield wall. Unlike Moose, the injury may have franchises in a 16-year career. "More hurt the team. Without Slider's manic coordibutions, the rest of the Indians, demoralized, loss the World Series to

 The University of Maine's mascot, Bananas the Bear, got punched in the head and stomach during by a basketball player — from his own school.

Wild Wing, the Anabeim Mighty

Ducks mascot, was oot seriously injured. though his costume was singed, when he failed to clear a wall of flames during a pregame show.

• The Miami Heat mascot, Burnie, is

named in a \$1 million civil suit for yanking a fan out of her seat during a game. The whole episode would be good for a laugh, except that Burnie already has been coovicted of assault in the same incident

Will any or all this bave a chilling effect? "I wouldn't think so," said Marc Zin-

garini, a Philadelphia attorney who represented the Phillies baseball club in the legal battle involving the Phanaric.
"I'm not a mascot and I've never been

in one of those suits," he added, "but we Three weeks earlier, she lost her (cos- all know there are some people you can tume) head and bruised her tailbone after play jokes on and some you can't.

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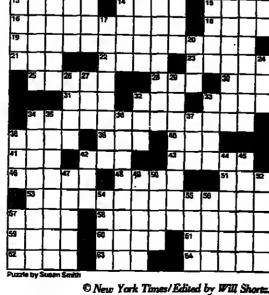
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Mians V2 Teams Skate to Lopsided Tories

The Associated Press Talk about one-sided, how about the Colorado Avalanche against the New York Islanders? Or, better yet, the Pittsburgh Penguins against the Ottawa Senators.

Two of the best teams in hockey faced two of the worst

MHL ROUNDUP

with predictable results Tuesday - night — the Avalanche beating the Islanders, 7-3, and the Penguins routing the Senators, 7-2. "You know they have a lot

of offensive firepower," Ot-awa goaltender Mike Bales said of the Penguins, who lead he National Hockey League with 103 goals. "In a way, it's kind of fun to play against them Decause if you win, you're going to look good."

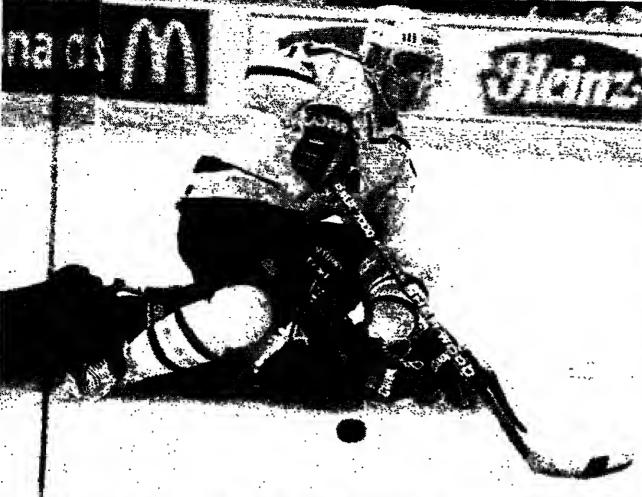
The Penguins lead the North-

ast Division and are 16 points better than the last-place Senitors, who are 0-10-1 in their ast 11 games.

The Avalanche, meanwhile, extended their unbeaten streak o six (4-0-2) and lead the Paific Division. The Islanders iropped are in the Atlantic Dirision cellar.

Markus Naslund scored three imes, his first multiple-goal ame in the NHL, as Pittsburgh · · · eat visiting Ottawa.

Ottawa is winless since beatng Hartford on Nov. 2. Jaromir agr had two goals and Mario



It was sport landing for Pittsburgh's Tomas Sandstrom, on the back of Ottawa's Sean Hill, after falling on a breakaway.

Penguins Naslund, the Penguins' No. 1 pick in the 1991 traft, now has 23 points in 21 games this season after having ust 15 points in 85 games entering the year.

Avalages 7, Islanders 3

Claude Lemieux's fifth career hat trick led a four-goal first added two goals and an assist as Colorado won at New York.

PeterForsberghad a goal and

saves for his third victory, allowing goals by Alexander Se-mak, Marty McInnis and Todd Bertuzzi. The Islanders' goaltender, Jamie McLennan, starthat trick led a four-goal first ed his 10th straight game and period outburst, and Joe Sakic didn't make it out of the first

"That line had a special

scorer, had three issists for the valenko also scored for the Lemieux, Forsberg and Valery Avalanche, who have only lost once in their last 17 games.

Jocelyn Thibeault made 25

Kamensky, who had three assists. "They were very much in synch."

Red Wings 2, Canadiens 2 In Detroit, Vyacheslav Kozlov had a goal and an assist, leading the Red Wings over Montreal.

The victory was the ninth in 10 games for Detroit, while Montreal is winless in its last three (0-2-1).

night," the Avalanche's coach, for Detroit, while Patrick Roy .cmieux, the NHL's leading four assists and Andre Ko- Marc Crawford, said of stopped 33 shots for Montreal.

Jets 4, Maple Leafs 3 Alexei Zhamnov scored two goals, including the game-winner late in the third period, as the lets defeated Toronto in Winnipeg,

Blackhawks 5, Oliers 3 Murray Craven's second goal of the game powered Chicago to victory in Edmonton, Alberta.

Manitoba.

Craven, who has six goals this season, scored from the cor-Chris Osgood made 25 saves ner in the second period, giving the Blackhawks a 4-2 lead and their eventual winning goal. erage declined \$66, or 0.016 per postseason bonuses are added.

Salaries in Baseball Drop an Average of 5%

NEW YORK - The average basebali salary fell by \$57,497 in 1995. It was the first decline since 1987, when salaries dropped by \$66, and the first significant decline in 30 years. The average salary was

\$1,110,766, according to final figures made public Tuesday by the Major League Baseball Players Association at its annual meeting in Aveotura, Florida. That was a 5 percent drop from the 1994 average of \$1,16g,263.

Clubs spent more money on players - about \$924 million, an increase of \$15 million. And the New York Yankees became the first club with an average above \$2 million - \$2,000,271 - breaking the previous record, \$1,827,539, set by the

Yankees last year. But the average declined because there were far more players in the majors on Aug. 31, the last day before rosters expanded. While there were 762 players in the majors on Aug. 31, 1994, there were \$24 on Aug. 31 this year. The increase was caused by more players on the disabled list.

This year's decline also was due to the huge increase in the number of rookies, caused by the teams' desire to reduce payrolls following the 232-day strike. There were 23g players with less than one year of major league service on Aug. 31 rosters, an increase of 100 from

Since the union began tracking salaries in 1967, the only previous decrease in the aver-

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1994 as compiled by the Mojor Leogue Basebolt above and below the figure fell 39 percent, from \$450,000 N.Y. Yankeen to \$275,000, according to calculations by management's Player Relations Committee.

Atlanta, which won its first World Series title, had the second-highest team average at \$1,917,599, according to the union figures.

Cincinnati was third at \$1,585,876, followed by Toronto at \$1,534,355, Baltimore at \$1,498,623 and Cleveland at \$1,493,959.

The eight teams that advanced to the playoffs all had average salaries among the top 13.

Montreal had the lowest av-

erage salary at \$411,142. The New York Mets' average dropped 61 percent to \$465,891 from \$1,193,288 in 1994. Minnesota's average declined 51 percent to \$535,536 from \$1,091,937.

The Player Relations Committee has not computed final average salaries, but on its list the Yankees should fall short of \$2 million.

The latest figures, which did not include bonuses for postseason awards, had the Yankees at \$1,960,351.

The players and the chibs differ on their figures because the union enhances the value of signing bonuses. The players' average salary for the 1995 season came to \$1,110,766. The incomplete PRC average was \$1,089,621 but will move closer age was in 1987, when the av- to the players' average when the

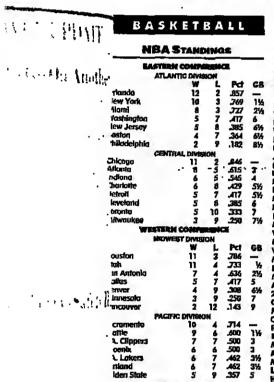
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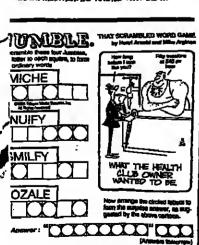
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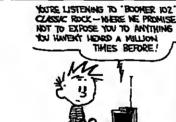








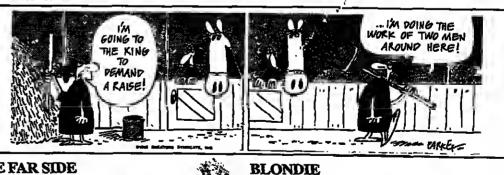








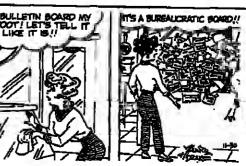
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WASHINGTON — As the whole country knows by of that period. If you recall, now, Newt Gingrich has many Jean is finally released from hang-ups. But the one I like the prison after serving 19 years for most is when he hlames welfare stealing a loaf of bread for his and the Great Society for all the starving sister.

crime problems in America. Newt faulted the welfare state when Su-Smith drowned her two sons in an automobile; he blamed also beinous the crime in Illi-

nois - where an unborn baby was violently cut from his mother's wombon a "welfare system which subsidized people for doing bread that Jean stole and has

When I read all the blame bow long it takes.

at Newt was laying on the Javert tells a police snitch. that Newt was laying on the poor I immediately thought of "Les Misérables" and how the welfare system in Paris had

'Guernica' Sheds Its Glass Shield

Agence France-Presse MADRID - The glass protection over Picasso's anti-war masterpiece "Guernica" is being removed at the Queeo Sofia

Center for Contemporary Art.
Visitors to the gallery will be able to see the painting without the glass beginning Thursday, but will still be prevented from coming within three meters of

The painting represents the the End of the Turnel.' bombing by German planes of Unable to stop the the Basque town in 1936. The rot, Javert feels that be has removal of the security glass failed and kills himself, never to comes as Spain celebrates the see the social reform he so des-20th anniversary of the begin-ning of the transition to democ-racy after the death in 1975 of of Javert's death, he said, "He General Francisco Franco.

His archenemy is Inspector Newt Javert. When Vuljean stays with a hishop, he steals his silver candlesticks, which is typical of the way welfare recipients thank their priests. But the bleeding-heart monsignor tells the police that he gave the candlesticks to Jean. Valjean is so grateful he repents his welfare ways and becomes rich and very comfortable.

But Inspector Newt Javent has not forgotten the loaf of vowed to pursue him no matter

People who steal a loaf of bread wind up stealing chocolate eclairs from the rich. My job is to see that the liberals, who are always asking for a free lunch from the taxpayer, pay for their crimes with bread and wa-

When Valjean hears that Newt will move heaven and earth to arrest him, be says to those at the barricades, "Inspector Newt Javert belongs in the sewers.'

Everyone fighting on the good side of the French Revolution agrees and bursts into song with an old political re-frain, "When Newt Goes Into the Sewer, There Is No Light at Unable to stop the welfare

never did get it right.'

What's Eating Johnny Depp? Clues From Mr. Cool

By Sharon Waxman Washington Post Service

OS ANGELES — Johnny Depp is giving a guided tour of his tattoos. He lightly strokes his most receot one, a trio of rectangular boxes on his left index finger. "I used to doodle these when I was on the telephone," he says. Then he holds up his other hand, where the number 3 resides between thumh and index finger. "I like the number he says, as if this explains any-

thing.
Up goes a sleeve, revealing a sprawling, red and hlue "Betty Sue." His mom. Down comes a punctured leather boot to reveal an inner ankle punctuated by a large question mark and an X. "I got this three or four years ago." He declines to display his famed "Wino Forever," the truncated remains of his relationship with actress Winona Ryder, and a few others. He also declines to explain the stories behind any of them.
"To me it's like some journal

they all represent different times in my life," he says. "If you see them, that's one thing — but if I explain them to you, that would be like walking you through my journal." He wouldn't want to do that. He's already revealed more than he'd planned.

Even with eight tattoos, Depp is no simple read. The 32-year-old actor ofteo plays weird, outcast characters in equally weird, offbeat movies - a boy with scissors for hands in "Ed-ward Scissorhands," a young man trapped by family responsibilities in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?," a cross-dressing movie director in 'Ed Wood," and then, of course, the delightfully deluded Don Juan in "Doo Juan DeMarco" — playing them with a raw simplicity and unembellished honesty that has won him critical acclaim, if not wild box office success. He does the same in his latest film, a thriller directed by John Badham called "Nick of Time," in which be plays a terrorized father who must kill the California governor to save

the life of his kidnapped daughter. And yet in real life Depp appears to Smallsville, U.S.A., "going be incredibly, impossibly in, wearing oowhere," as his mentally retarded

earrings, a knit cap and super-model girlfriend Kate Moss to all the right places, hanging out at his bar in West Hollywood, the Viper Room, where River Phoenix died of an overdose. Playing guitar in a rock band. Trashing a hotel toom in a fit of anger. And

then there are all those tattoos. Who is Johnny Depp? The sensitive, rather shy, thinking man's actor? Or the rock 'o' roll adolescent of Hollywood's A-list who gets his demons out on the furniture?

Depp thinks for a moment. "I'm a combination platter of all those things," he says. "I was a kid who dropped out of high school, who got his first tattoo at 17, who played rock 'n' roll. That was just the chain his events." He stops. He mentions his drinking. He thinks about a lot of things he doesn't want to mention. Then he says: "They say everything is O.K. in moderation. Some people can do that. I've never been able to do things in moderation.'

People who know Johnny Depp invariably use the same words to describe him: sincere, compassionate, honest, decent, real.

John Badham sought Depp out for Nick of Time," a movie with lots of Hitchcockian overtones, for those qualities. "If Hitchcock were making this picture he'd probably have wanted Jimmy Stewart," says the director. "Who's the Jimmy Stewart of the '90s? Nice, unassuming, unpretentious? Johnny has a basic sweetness to him. He's a classic movie actor, like Paul Newman, Gary Cooper, even Steve McQueen. Minimalist in approach, but extremely honest. Johnny is that kind of actor. He has this great ability to be in a scene where he may do nothing and yet be establishes his presence on the screen."

As Edward Scissorhands, a role a bewildered sort of innocence from behind his kewpie-monster makeup and menacing prosthetics. As Gilbert Grape, another role be cites as close to him. Depp is a regular guy stuck in



A shy, thinking man's actor? Or a rock 'n' roll adolescent?

18-year-old brother endlessly reminds year-old daughter is kidnapped by the him. When he meets a girl who bolds out the possibility of love, adventure as they step off an Amtrak train in Los that Depp feels is among the closest to and change, Gilbert balks. "I've gotta his own personality, the actor projects go," be mumbles and turns to flee, son's daughter in 90 minutes if he does conveying in that brief moment the not assassinate the governor within terror of facing his own loneliness.

Depp's latest film is being called a races through the Bonaventure hotel in departure from those sorts of roles, panic and torment, Depp plays the since it's a hig-hudget thriller. In victimized Everyman to Walken's since it's a hig-hudget thriller. In victimized Everyman "Nick of Time" he plays Gene Wat-malevolent manipulator. son, a young professional whose 6-

that time. But even in this film, as he

Still, why did be choose such a -

well, an easy role after playing such unconventional characters? "I liked the script," Depp says, "I thought it was a good time to make a change. I figured I'd do something else after being accused by everybody of playing weirdos. It was an opportunity to play the straight man. It's really a challenge to do that - you've got to keep the guy interesting. It's tougher, Ed Wood, for me, was a breeze. We had a good time -- Martin Landau [as Bela Lugosi] and I out there doing weird things. I felt at home — there's a safety in not being yourself."

There's also a safety in playing vourself on screen rather than in real life, Depp goes back to Edward Scissorhands — that's the person he'd like to be. You know, on the last day of filming of 'Edward Scissorhands,' I looked at the mirror and I felt really sad. I must have done that makeup 90 times, and I thought, 'I'm never going to see this guy again. There was a weird safety in being so open — in being nonjudgmental, not cynical. There was a freedom in that. I'd love to have that openness, to be that innocent," he says. "When you're a kid you have that innocence. But it gets beat down, beat up.

This winter Depp will shoot "Donnie Brasco," a mob movie in which he stars with Al Pacino, and sometime next year he hopes to direct his own project, "The Brave," about a man who is given the chance to rescue his family from poverty by doing a snuff film. "He is definitely not interested in commercial success." says John Badham. "Being a movie star is not a be-all, end-all — doing interesting parts is important to him."

The truth is, Johnny Depp is a oatural star. There is no way around this conclusion: He's just cool. Ineffably and effortlessly cool. Eight tattoos or none, wild man or Everyman, he will keep us guessing at his true nature as long as he dares to offer up his soul on screen, That takes

courage. And that is cool.

"He is very generous with his spirit," his best buddy Sal Jenco says in admiration. "I'll tell you one thing. He was always cool.

POSTCARD

Hush Puppies Are Back With a New Neon Image

By Robin D. Givhan Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Fashion has crossed over into a parallel universe. Hush Puppies, the shoes of nerds, geeks, dweebs and pinheads, are suddenly hip. The stodgy old comfort footwear of an-

How hot are Hush Puppies? In February. the Council of Fashion Designers of America will give them the 1995 Accessory Award. Designer Anna Sui (she did grunge, mod, schoolgirl - you name it) used custom-dyed Husb Puppies in lemon yellow, bubblegum pink and scarlet in her spring '96 collection. Menswear designer

John Bartlett has shown them, two seasons

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Nordstrom, Macy's and Barneys New have appeared in hip magazines such as slightly too-small blazers.

Interview, Out and Details.

All this fashioo and fiscal magic happened in spite of corporate strategy.

About three years ago, at a cost now other generation has been dusted off by the approaching \$10 million, executives at pete with sneakers, sandals and the like. fashion industry and dubbed the must-have Husb Puppies launched a makeover. The Rockford, Michigan, company wanted to in John (Duke) Wayne. prove us dreary, old-fashioned in - a suede lace-up with a crepe sole - was introduced in 1958.

All of the styles in that first generation were named after dogs: Toby, Bozo . . . Duke. The shoes were comfortable, sensihle, reliable. Boring.

Then along came Bartlett, designer to running, in his edgy all-American line.

New York's downtown set, He saw hipness in the heartland. He wanted custom-dyed

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Europe

are fans Big-name retailers including Dukes for his fall '95 collection. They were the perfect shoe to pair with his flat-front York carry the shoes. Hush Puppies ads high-water trousers, argyle sweaters and

So for Bartlett, the company resurrected the Duke in neon lime, dusty rose and violet. It's the same design from 1958 with just a few comfort modifications to com-

when those techi ucolor Hush Puddi The signature Hush Puppies shoe, the Duke appeared on the New York runway, fashion wags went berserk. The shoes began appearing in GQ magazine. Stylists snapped them up to dress musicians for videos. They were used to accessorize pricey clothes with puffed-up designer labels. Forrest Gump wore them. And the company reports sales of more than 400,000 pairs of Hush Puppies this year. That's compared with 60,000 last year.

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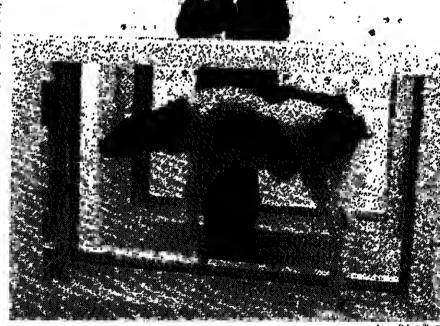
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DREGNANT with Auguste Rodin's I child, the sculptress Camille Claudel fled Paris to a chareau in the town of Roubaix, where she met a 6-year-old girl who would inspire one of her greatest works. "La Petite Châtelaine," executed in 1896 and Claudel's last major work still in private hands, portrays a fresh-faced little girl with thick, wavy tresses: Marguerite Boyer, the daughter of the owner of the château where Claudel fled to hide the pregnancy. She later miscarried. The French government has now teamed up with regional groups to purchase the \$600,000 work for the Museum of Art and uy in Kondaix, on but is calling on the public to come up with \$100,000. It is on display at the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, where visitors can make contributions.

Bob Hope is hanging up his silver bells at least for now. For the first time since 1950, Hope won't be starring in a Christmas special this holiday seasoo. He's not retiring, just taking a breather. Hope, 92, and NBC decided to concentrate on other specials for 1996, a network spokesman said. But Hope will keep another custom long a part of his Christmas season: introducing the All-America college football team on Dec. 23. And he's scheduled to make an appearance during the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

A former model who refused to vacate the apartment of her ex-boyfriend, the yachtsman Bill Koch, was just a guest and must move out. A Boston Housing Court jury ruled that Catherine de Castelbajac is a licensee - not a tenant - and Koch has given her 30 days to move out of his apartment. "The verdict shows the people of Boston have commoo sense," Koch said, "that women cannot enrich themselves at someone else's expense.

The split carcasses of a dead cow and its calf floating in greeo formaldehyde clinched Britain's most controversial art award, the Turner Prize, for Damien Hirst. Hirst had been favorite to win the £20,000 (\$31,000) prize against three contenders, who included Mona Hatoum with a 12minute video of her inner recesses. The chairman of the Turnet Prize jury, Nicholas Serota, said Hirst, in "Mother and Child Divided," had "created an ex- frey says a woman asked her about it over I'll see you at the Ice Capades, Les."



Damien Hirst, and his prize-winning "Mother and Child Divided."

activists. Hirst said his next ambition was to find a way of allowing a dead animal to decay inside a case without producing an offensive smell. "Decay is actually quite a beautiful thing," he said.

Hundreds of love letters written by the actor John Barrymore have been donated to the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. The 218 "passionate and detailed" letters from the "great profile" to his second wife, Michael Strange, were donated by the couple's grandchildreo.

Oprah Winfrey says reports that she's pregnant are all wroog. She's just tired of running. In addition to tabloid reports, Win-

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traordinary series of objects that have the Thanksgiving holiday. "I said, 'If I'm caught the public imagination." And public indignation, in the case of animal-rights "I bave put on some pounds because I am too tired to run eight miles a day."

> Jerry Sue Huellweig, 64, who have worked in a factory for 29 years, won \$68.55 million in the Missouri lottery and the ability to retire six months early.

David Letterman's bosses at CBS want him to stop bad-mouthing the prime-time lineup. Leslie Moonves, president of CBS Entertainment, relayed his feelings to Letterman after the "Late Show" host took an on-air shot at CBS's decision to air two hours of prime-time skating. "I got a call from Les Moonves saying, 'Y'know. figure skating didn't do that badly for us. Dave." Letterman said. "I said, 'Great.

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